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& FRUITS.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS.
FLORAL PARK,
N.Y.

H.M. Wall Litho., Brooklyn, N.Y.

TWO GRAND NEW ROSES.

These remarkable new Roses were named and introduced by us last year and sold at one dollar each. In many ways they are the most beautiful and novel Roses ever introdcned HALLOWEEN is the only true and distinct striped Everbloomer; HIGHLAND MARY has the most delicate color, with distinctly bordered petals; the beauty of which cannot be described.

HALLOWEEN—The striped Meteor. A cross between Meteor and Bon Silene. Flowers same fine large size and perfect shape of Meteor, while the color is rich dark crimson, each petal freely and distinctly striped pure white and pink. Like Meteor, the flowers are double, exceedingly sweet and borne in endless profusion both summer and winter. Quite hardy in the open ground. This is the only distinctively striped Everblooming Rose in cultivation and a great beauty. It creates a genuine sensation wherever seen. Nothing like it in cultivation. See colored sketch near top of this cover. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

HIGHLAND MARY—A sport from Agrippena, which originated in Canada, and, like that fine old variety, is a persistent bloomer both summer and winter, with a stronger and better growth; flowers double the size and exceedingly sweet. As to color it is without exception the most exquisitely and delicately colored Rose we ever saw. Blossoms beautifully cupped, each petal being white with a delicate lemon tinge; just enough to make it perfectly exquisite. But this is not all; each petal is also bordered with a delicate band of pink which blending with the white and lemon tinge makes a combination which is truly fascinating. No other rose in the world like it. It will bloom all the time, either in the garden or in pots; is hardy in the open ground with slight protection, and a most exquisite variety for cutting. In fact, it will keep twice as long as any other rose after being cut. Buds partly expanded have stood in a vase on our desk for ten days before the petals dropped, and that, too, after having been sent by mail from Canada. In this respect it is most remarkable. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00.

One each of the two sorts for 50c. 3 each for $1.25. Or for 60c. we will send one each of Halloween, Highland Mary and Climbing Bride (new; see page 39.)

NEW EVERBLOOMING CHRYSANTHEMUM.

Pure White, Perfectly Double and blooms profusely from July to New Year's or Later. The Greatest Flora Novelty. (See Colored Sketch on back cover).

A seedling raised some years ago by S. F. Duncan, Piqua, Ohio, who at once brought it to our attention, and last year we purchased the entire stock, having been negotiating for it since 1896. Plants lifted fron the open ground and sent to us in May began budding and blooming in our grounds in July and are now (Nov. 1st) still full of flowers and buds, while those in pots bid fair to continue blooming far into the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant and is perfectly hardy in the open ground. The flowers are of the Chinese type, pure snow-white, perfectly double and produced by the hundreds. No other sort can equal it in profusion. Plants of dwarf habit, 18 to 24 inches high with bright healthy foliage and numerous branches, all of which produce bloom. Mr. Duncan says that the plants in his garden have always begun blooming by July 4th, and are perfectly hardy any winter without protection. A new Chrysanthemum which may be grown either in the garden or in pots, and which will produce such a crop of fine double white flowers for so great a part of the year must certainly be regarded as the greatest modern Novelty. 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

CHILDSIA WERCKLEI, or TREASURE VINE.

(See Colored Sketch on back cover).

A new plant, entirely unknown to science until discovered by Mr. Carlo Werckle, last year in the mountain regions of Costa Rica, Central America. It is a beautiful climbing compositae, suitable for cool shady windows or verandas. While it will grow to the height of 10 feet, it blooms profusely when very small, its flowers being like a clematis in shape but intense scarlet in color which added to the beauty of its foliage and natural grace of growth makes one of the most elegant flowering plants ever seen. It is a quick robust grower and so hardy and vigorous that it will stand any amount of abuse. Specimens which we sent to the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew attracted great attention and it has been decided to call it Treasure Vine on account of its great value, scientifically Childsia Wercklei. Fine plants, 40c. each, 3 for $1.00.

Special Offer.—*For only $1.00 we will send one fine plant each of these 4 greatest novelties.*

OUR FALL CATALOGUE FOR 1899.

Our Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Scillas, Freesias, Crown Imperials, Snowdrops, Alliums, and all hardy Bulbs and Plants, for fall planting and winter blooming, will be sent to our customers the first of September. It will also be sent free to all others who apply. Address all orders and other communications to

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JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

This CHECK cut off and enclosed with an order to us is good for a mixed packet of these new "DWARF SWEET PEAS", FREE.

We mail this Catalogue to all our Customers, and we are also willing to send it free to anyone who will send us an order after getting it. Otherwise, those who apply for it should send 10 cents.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

During the 24 years we have carried on a Seed, Bulb and Plant business we have aimed to excel in the quality of stock sold. We have not offered or furnished our customers anything but the very best strains obtainable, and the full capacity of our 32 greenhouses and 200 acres of garden has been devoted to producing improved strains, and testing stocks from all parts of the world that the best might be known to us. We have also made a specialty each year of introducing a line of highly valuable novelties. Not articles of questionable merit that are too often put upon the market, but real meritorious sorts, the value of which has been adequately proven by cultivation and tests under our own eyes. In short, our work in the Seed and Florist business has been carried on with the object of securing a good reputation rather than a good profit, and we believe it is owing to our vigilance in regard to the merits of our stock that we now supply a half million individual customers. It is certainly a satisfaction to see that the novelties originated, named or introduced by us have in almost every instance become famous the world over. The policy which has accomplished so much and made Floral Park so famous will be continued as long as we issue a Catalogue. We do not offer a large variety of Seeds and Plants, only those that are novel and superior strains of the best standard varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with scrupulous care. Such sorts as will give the greatest satisfaction everywhere, all of which we endeavor to offer at prices that will bring them within the reach of everybody.

New Dwarf "Cupid" Sweet Peas.

This is a Dwarf Sweet Pea, the plant growing only five inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are very sweet, of largest size and great abundance, and borne on stems four inches long, three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and unlike the climbing Sweet Peas, continues in profusion until killed by frost. This is a remarkable feature and makes it at once one of the most superb plants for bedding, massing and edging in cultivation. As shown in this plate Cupid Sweet Peas are not only excellent garden bloomers, but are also very desirable as pot plants. In fact it will be hard to find a more satisfactory flowering plant for pot culture. No garden can possibly be complete without this superb novelty.

White Cupid—Pure milk white, large size, perfect form and very sweet. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Pink Cupid—Exactly like the above, but a lovely pink in color, and a very free grower. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Or we will give a packet of both colors, mixed, free to anyone who orders anything from this Catalogue if the check is returned.

[Cut on this line.]

LITHO. BY H. M. WALL, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

CHECK. Good for a packet of Cupid Sweet Peas, Mixed Colors, free with any order enclosing this check, received before July 1st.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

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Mayflower Premiums for 1899

The Most Charming Horticultural Magazine of the World, Many Pages, Fine Illustrations and a Colored Plate Each Month, at only 25c. per year, in Clubs of 5 or More, Including Premium. Single Subscription, 50c. per Year With Premium; 25c. per Year Without Premium.

THE GREATEST PREMIUM YET.

And a Club Premium to the Club-Raiser for Each Name Sent.

OUR MAGNIFICENT PREMIUM.

Each person who sends us a year's subscription (at 50c. singly or 25c. in clubs of 5 or more) will receive at once by mail the following five Floral Novelties, and we can in truth say it is the most valuable premium we ever offered. It is well worth a dollar. The New Verbena alone is sold at 25c. per pkt., and the Aster is worth as much more. New subscribers and old ones renewing will all get this Premium of 5 Novelties. In the case of clubs each lot will be sent to the club-raiser for distribution.

MAYFLOWER VERBENA.—Raised and named by Luther Burbank, and is the greatest floral novelty of this year. The shape of its individual flowers and clusters of bloom, as well as its color are identical with the flowers of the Trailing Arbutus, or Mayflower, and having the same superb fragrance. The size of the flowers are about equal to a silver quarter, and in delicate coloring and rich perfume it has no rival. It is fully described on the colored plate in our Catalogue, and is alone worth a year's subscription price to THE MAYFLOWER.

JAPANESE CHRYSANTHEMUM ASTER.—A new Aster having enormous blossoms like elegant Japanese Chrysanthemums. By far the grandest of all Asters and fully equal to fine hot-house Chrysanthemums. Several colors mixed.

COLEUS NEW GIANT LEAVED.—All the colors of the rainbow are shown in the large leaves of this magnificent new strain of Coleus. No description can convey a true idea of their magnificence. They are imperfectly shown in this plate, but are fully illustrated and described on page 11 of our large Catalogue, and will be color-plated in the February MAYFLOWER. Easily grown from seed and make magnificent specimen plants inside of two months, with bright colored leaves a foot in length.

CARNATION PERPETUAL BLOOMING.—A strain of large-flowering, perpetual-blooming Marguerite Carnations which will commence blooming in three months time from the time of sowing the seed. They are very large, double and of exquisite colors and fragrance.

LILLIPUT ZINNIAS.—A magnificent garden flower. The plants grow in dwarf bushy form and produce hundreds of bright perfect blossoms of various colors and as double as Roses.

Above 5 Novelties Free to Each One Who Subscribes.

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A Fine Club Premium for Every Name Sent.

THE MAYFLOWER is so good, and its Premium so valuable that it is a very easy matter for *anyone*, man, woman or child, to get up a club among their friends and neighbors. We give the club-raiser a fine premium for **every subscriber sent us,** and each subscriber in the club also gets our regular premium offered above. The club-raiser may select one of the following fine Plants or Bulbs for every subscriber sent us, and same will be forwarded free by mail.

1 Calla, Dwarf Everblooming.
1 " Spotted.
1 Gladiolus, Childsi.
1 Canna, Rainbow.
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1 Gloxinia.
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1 Spider Lily.
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1 Swanflower.
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1 Lilium Auratum.
1 " Tenuifolium.
1 Rudbeckia, Golden Glow.
1 Melon Pear.
1 Hyacinthus Candicans.
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1 Variegated Tuberose.
1 Fuchsia, Trailing Queen.
1 Manettia Vine.
1 Filifera Palm.
1 Sanseveria.
1 Bridal Rose.
1 Hydrangea.
1 Tree Strawberry.
1 Climbing Raspberry.
1 Everb'r'ng White Raspberry
1 Tree Blackberry.
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1 Pkt. Multiflora Rose.
1 " Chrysanthemum.
1 " Pansy, Giant Excelsior.
1 " Prize Verbena.
1 " Jap. Morning Glory.
1 " Shoofly Plant.
1 " Cupid Sweet Pea.
1 " Heliotrope, Early Flow.
1 " Diadem Tomato striped

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The Mayflower is devoted to the cultivation of Flowers, Plants, Fruits and Vegetables, and to Gardening and Home Adornment in general. Each issue contains scores of interesting, attractive and valuable articles from our staff of contributors, representing every State in the Union, and nearly every country of the Globe. Its pages are beautifully illustrated. Each issue bound with neat covers, and contains a fine colored plate.

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As may be supposed, the articles on Flowers and Gardening, which come from all parts of the world, are intensely interesting and useful. Every number is well worth a year's subscription price. This is the verdict of our readers.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

During the next 12 months the following special serial articles will appear:

OUR HOME INTERESTS DEPARTMENT, conducted by Carrie Goldsmith Childs, is a constant delight, especially to our lady readers. It is much enlarged and widened, and more interesting than ever. Mrs. Childs' very interesting series of articles on her trip abroad is still running.

BIRDS OF THE GARDEN. This beautiful series by Henry Nehrling on our native birds is to be continued by an occasional article for some time longer.

EBEN E. REXFORD has contributed several very valuable articles which will appear during the year.

J. TORREY CONNOR has sent 4 of her interesting articles with the following titles, "The Floating Gardens of Mexico," "In tropical Mexico," "Queer Growths in Cactus Land," "Here and There in Mexico."

CORRESPONDENCE. Under the heading of each individual State we publish interesting and useful letters from our readers, which makes this department of great interest and value to every subscriber. Nearly every State as well as Foreign countries are represented in each issue.

CURIOUS FLOWERS. We will have through the year several articles on curious and odd flowers which will be interesting.

COOKING VEGETABLES. Mrs. Jessie Lynch, a famous cook, has prepared 555 recipes for cooking various kinds of vegetables, which will soon appear, probably all in one issue.

MR. A. JAENICKE, a noted German florist, who had charge of one of the largest establishments in Europe for many years will contribute a variety of articles on rare plants and their culture, Monthly Hints, etc.

Greetings--1899.

AS a reminder of the New Year, and for its own sake as well we trust that our Catalogue for 1899 will be a welcome visitor. We know that in thousands of homes it has been so for 24 years, and we hope that *each one* who receives it this year may be pleased to respond with an order, large or small. We do not like to see a single name dropped from our books, when once it has been placed there—the tie which binds lovers and cultivators of flowers is such that they are all like personal friends, and as such we always treat our customers. We have tried to make this issue as interesting as those of years past, and feel sure we have succeeded.

Many Fine Novelties. One of the good and interesting features of this Catalogue is found in the character of our Novelties. Such grand good things as the Everblooming Chrysanthemum, Treasure Vine, Highland Mary and Halloween Roses, (all illustrated and described on the covers) Giant Leaved Coleus, Everbearing Peach, Iceberg Blackberry, etc., are not found every year.

Flower Seeds, New System of Selling. As will be seen on page 49, we have introduced a new system of selling Flower Seeds at uniform prices in packets of two sizes, the smaller at 5c. and the larger at 10c.; or in some cases 10c. and 20c. This, we believe, will be appreciated by our customers, who are thereby enabled to have a large variety of our very choicest seeds at small cost.

Gladiolus. Look at our great collection of this most magnificent of all flowering bulbs on pages 4 to 9, and note the low prices for the different varieties, both singly and collectively. By all means plant a good lot of them.

Lilies and Cannas, As well as Begonias, Gloxinias, Iris, Callas, Roses, etc., are offered in splendid variety at extremely low prices on the colored plates or colored paper pages. They should receive special attention from our customers.

Rare Fruits. We particularly pride ourselves on the Fruit Department of this Catalogue, pages 128 to 144. Such a collection of rare good things was never before presented in this line. The new berries of various kinds, Balloonberry, Tree Strawberry, Raspberries, Hybrid Berries, etc., are marvels, to say nothing of the Plums, Peaches, Currants, Strawberries, etc. If you have a garden you will need some of them.

Every lover of Flowers or Gardening in general who receive this Catalogue and look it through carefully will be sure to find something offered which they want. And we wish to say that whatever your wants are, it matters not how small, send us the order, do not hesitate because it is small, we desire to retain you as a customer, or if not one yet, to add your name to the 500,000 who are. And we will use you well, so that you will be glad to come again.

THE MAYFLOWER.

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS' FAMOUS HORTICULTURAL MAGAZINE, (MONTHLY.)

The colored plate opposite gives some idea of the value of THE MAYFLOWER, but for lack of space the half is not told. Every one of our customers would take it if they knew its value. Just think of it! This delightful magazine with its fine colored plates a whole year, and a premium of 5 valuable novelties for only 25 cents (in clubs of five or more). In addition to this the one who gets up a club receives a fine club premium for EVERY subscriber secured. In view of these inducements we hope that every one who receives this Catalogue will get up a club. By showing the colored plate of the premium and calling attention to all the good points of THE MAYFLOWER, as there set forth, it will take but little effort to get most of your friends and neighbors to subscribe; thereby securing some club premiums, besides doing your friends a kindness in getting them THE MAYFLOWER for a year, and the fine premium for only 25 cents.

General Instructions.

WHAT WE DO.

Free By Mail.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense.

By Express.—If a package is ordered to go by express we do not pay the charges; but somewhat larger plants, shrubs and fruits can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones, enough than more to pay the cost. All the large express companies carry our goods at very low rates.

We Guarantee that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost, or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

We Pack all plants carefully in strong wooden boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country, or abroad.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact.

To Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, most of the **countries of South and Central America,** and the **West India Islands,** we can send goods in large parcels by mail, postpaid. We can ship to other foreign countries by mail, only in 8 or 12 ounce packages.

England, Ireland or Scotland.—We have so many customers in Great Britain that we, at frequent intervals, fill their orders and ship the parcels in bulk to our agent in Liverpool, from which point they are forwarded to their destination by rail or parcel post.

Discounts.—We make the following discounts to those who will get up a club or order largely for their own use. Considering our very low prices, we think them very liberal. *Please notice that these discounts cover everything offered in this Catalogue, and not merely seeds by the packet.*

Those sending $	1.00	can select articles amounting to $		1.10
"	2.00	"	"	2.25
"	4.00	"	"	4.60
"	5.00	"	"	5.75
"	6.00	"	"	7.00
"	10.00	"	"	12.00
"	25.00	"	"	30.00
"	50.00	"	"	62.00
"	100.00	"	"	125.00

We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discounts will certainly pay anyone for some trouble in that direction. See also, our splendid premiums to MAYFLOWER clubs, on cover.

WHAT BUYERS SHOULD DO.

Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by post-office money order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold or silver coin, by registered letter; bank draft or express company's money order.

Stamps.—Please do not send postage stamps in payment for goods if it can be avoided. Letters often get damp in transit, causing stamps when enclosed to stick together and to the order, frequently resulting in the destruction of both. We shall return such as come in bad order, and we must deny discounts and extras to orders which are paid for in stamps.

Silver or Gold coin when sent in letters should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth to prevent its breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose.

Be Sure to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post-office or State, and some with the name or post-office written in such a careless or illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know when the package arrives if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

Please Write your order plainly and distinctly by itself, and not mix it up with anything else you may wish to say.

Those Who Send a neat, plainly written order will be sure to have it filled correctly and with despatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Always carry out the price of each article, and after adding the amounts together and deducting the discount, remit the exact sum.

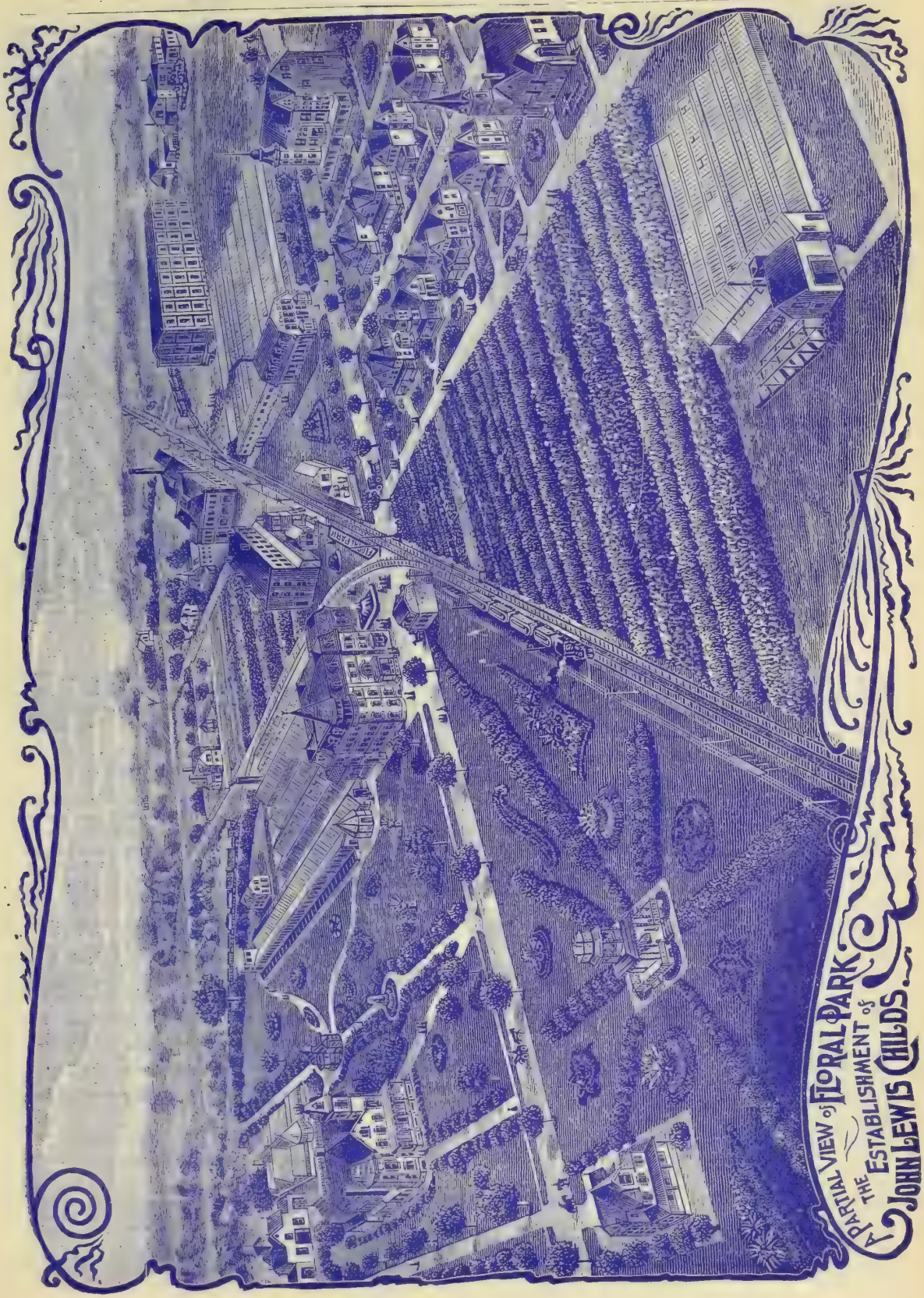
Order Early.—We strive to fill all orders within a day or two after they reach us, but this is frequently made impossible by a great rush of business about planting time. Do not wait until you need your seeds and bulbs before ordering. Anticipate planting time by getting your orders in early.

Important.—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent, and the amount of money enclosed, and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter, and fill the duplicate order with despatch. *No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.*

Floral Park--Our Establishment.

In our Catalogue of last year we published a two page description of our establishment, in all its detail. We cannot spare the space for it this year but on the opposite page will be seen a bird's eye view of that portion of Floral Park which lies in the immediate vicinity of our seed store, greenhouses; bulb house, printing establishment, etc. Of course, only a very small part of our 200 acres of flowers is represented in this picture. Floral Park is situated on Long Island, is partly within the city limits of Consolidated New York, and is on the line of the Long Island Railroad, which runs directly through our premises—our grounds bordering upon it for a distance of more than a mile, and presenting a floral display which is unequaled on the continent. Though we cultivate 200 acres of ground here, it is not a tenth part of the acreage required to produce our entire crops, and Floral Park is really more of a trial garden than a seed farm.

Our greenhouses are in four sets, or blocks; are of large size, ranging from 100 to 200 feet in length, and 12 to 20 feet in width—and cover several acres. Our principal seed store, which is a large brick and iron fire-proof structure, was erected in 1890. It consists of four stories and basement, and is the finest seed house in America. It is fitted with every convenience for filling orderes promply and accurately. Besides this we have several other large buildings which are used for storage and special work which the main building cannot accommodate. In all there are over twenty substantial buildings connected with our establishment. Among them is one enormous brick bulb house, containing 16,000 square feet of floor space, and filled completely with Gladiolus and other Bulbs. The printing house is a large brick building, 150 feet in length, separated from all others. In this is located a powerful steam engine and an electric light dynamo. The finest presses and other machinery known are used for turning out the large edition of THE MAYFLOWER and our job work of various kinds. Our Catalogue is also printed and bound here, amounting in numbers to about one and one half million copies annually, at a cost of about $100,000, which is the largest catalogue job executed in the world. The entire village of Floral Park has been built up by our business in the past 15 years. We publish and sell at 10 cents per copy an album of Floral Park views, showing 25 half-tone photographic views of our establishment, grounds, buildings, etc.



PARTIAL VIEW of FLORAL PARK
THE ESTABLISHMENT of
JOHN LEWIS CHILDS

The Gladiolus.

The Gladiolus is our leading specialty, and our collection is the largest and finest in the world—in fact, we supply most of the bulbs which the world uses. We grow about 100 acres of them and upwards of 15,000,000 flowering bulbs. Gladiolus being our leading specialty we place them first in this Catalogue, and the finest known varieties are here offered at less than one-half the usual price. Our Childsi's and Lemoinei's are simply grand. Do not miss them.

The Gladiolus is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so readily for anybody and everybody in any soil or climate. It is, in short, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming as it does, with the least care and attention, and makes a display which, for brilliancy and beauty of coloring, few bulbs can equal and none surpass. The Gladiolus is to the flower garden what bread is to man, "The staff of life." Our collection is so large that many of the finest and highest priced sorts of European Catalogues can be supplied by us by the ten thousands, and we offer them at very low prices. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of Gandevensis by the million, but also Lemoinei's New Hardy Hybrids. But the finest of all Gladiolus is the new strain, Childsi. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention.

CULTURE.—Gladiolus are of the simplest culture. Plant at any time from April to July, in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses six inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down weeds. They bloom from July to October. After fall frost, lift the bulbs and after removing the tops let them dry for two or three weeks in any airy position, under cover. Then after removing the roots store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place, away from frost, for planting again the following spring.

Gladiolus and Their Culture.

This is a complete and unique treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needful information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated, and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. Price, 10 cents, postpaid.

Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as Mixtures. On the contrary they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and most varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intense scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. All old common and poor sorts have been discarded and this mixture is of the highest grade.

Mixed, All Colors, First Size—Extra large flowering bulbs. Per dozen, 30c.; per 100, $2.25; per 1,000, $20.00, by mail.

Mixed, All Colors, Second Size—These are all fine blooming young, vigorous bulbs. Per dozen, 15c.; per 100, $1.00; per 1,000, $8.00 by mail.

Mixed, All Colors, Third Size—Small bulbs, but will bloom nicely this summer. Per dozen, 10c.; per 100, 60c.; per 1,000, $5.00, by mail.

Mixed, White and Light Varieties only—First size, 30c. per dozen; $2.25 per 100.

Mixed Scarlet Varieties only—First size, the finest scarlet sorts, 25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed Pink Varieties only—First size; finest pink colors. 25c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed Yellow Varieties only—First size; finest yellow and orange shades. 40c. per doz.

Large Gladiolus Bulbs,

EXTRA LOW PRICE BY EXPRESS.

No flower so adorns the garden or lawn as does the Gladiolus, and none are more easily grown or so fine for decorating churches, rooms, dining tables, halls, stores, offices, etc. That our customers may afford to plant them extensively, we offer

Large Flowering Bulbs, Mixed—Choicest varieties and finest flowers, by express. 100 for $1.50; 300 for $4.00; 500 for $5.50; 1,000 for $10.00; 3,000 for $25.00.

Exquisite Seedling Gladiolus.

Seedling Gladiolus are not only beautiful and show an endless variety of colors, but are exceedingly interesting, as each one is different from any other that ever bloomed, and it may be so exquisitely colored, or so large and perfect as to make it of much value. All new Gladiolus are originated from seed, and if one has ten thousand seedlings he will have as many different sorts. Absolutely no two alike. All colors and combinations of colors will be seen, and some will be so fine that they should be selected for growing, increasing and naming. As many of our customers desire to purchase pure seedling bulbs, bulbs large enough to bloom the coming season, but which **never have bloomed,** we have grown from seed large quantities of the three different classes that we might have a supply to offer. All can rely upon getting some magnificent new varieties from them.

Hybrids, Mixed Seedlings—Pure seedling bulbs for blooming this season. 25c. per dozen.
Lemoinei Hybrid Seedlings—From finest sorts and will be exquisite. 30c. per dozen.
Childsi Hybrid Seedlings—From finest named Childsi sorts, thoroughly hybridized and will give magnificent new varieties. 60c. per dozen.

GLADIOLUS, COLVILLI, "THE BRIDE."

A lovely pure white hardy species of slender growth and blooms very early, often the latter part of May when left in the ground all winter. A splendid winter bloomer in pots. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of color and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds if desired. Seedling generally bloom the second summer.

Hybrids Mixed All Colors—Very fine. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.
Lemoinei Hybrids Mixed—Sometimes bloom the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c., 3 pkts. for 25c.
Childsi, Mixed Colors—Finest of all. Very frequently blooms first summer, especially if started early. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. for 50c.

One packet each of the three classes, Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childsi for 25c.

Five Gladiolus Childsi for 25c.

Having a large stock of the following five varieties of Gladiolus Childsi, (see description on page 8), we make this special offer of 25c. for the collection of five varieties; fine large flowering bulbs. They are as follows:

COLUMBIA, WM. FALCONER, HENRY GILLMAN, MOHONK, MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

The above Five for only 25 cents, postpaid.

New Gladiolus Childsi for 1899.

The following new varieties of Gladiolus Childsi are offered now for the first time.

Blanche—Large flower, pure snow-white with but slight faint marks of soft rose. Finest white. $1.50 each.
Fedora—Large spike and flower; color fine salmon rose with large mottled throat.
Governor McCormick—Extra large flower and truss. Beautiful rose mottled with silvery gray and with violet and white mottled throat. Very fine.
Oriole—Lovely mottling of pink and gray with beautiful yellow-banded throat. Small flower, but exquisitely colored.
Admiral Dewey—Enormous throat, beautiful silvery pink with velvety crimson markings.
Colonel Wood—Bright scarlet. Large, mottled throat.
Mrs. R. A. Goldsmith—Large flower, fine spike. Soft delicate rose shaded lighter. Pure white throat.
Ada—Bright, soft rosy scarlet, white mottled throat.
Siboney—Slaty gray marked and mottled darker.
General Roe—A profuse, irregular mottling of pink and slate, subject to wide variations.
Blue Perfection—(1898). The best blue variety yet produced. Flowers clear, dark, slate blue with a distinct scarlet stripe in lower petals. Very beautiful. $1.50 each.
Variabilis—(1898). Enormous size and vigor, standing nearly seven feet high, with the largest spike ever seen on any Gladiolus. But this is not its only great merit. The flowers range in color from a dull deep pink, flaked with blue-black to a solid blue-black color of smoky hue flaked with pink. Some spikes will be one color and some the other while flowers of both colors are often seen on the same spike. Throat mottled white. $1.50 each.

PRICE, *except where noted, 75c. each; the 12 for $8.00.*

GLADIOLUS LEMOINEI.

Gladiolus Lemoinei.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladiolus, and their beautiful shape resemble the fascinating beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together, producing an effect seen in no other flower. They are of recent introduction, therefore new and quite unknown. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty, for it cannot be done. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they have two very important points of superiority over other sorts. First, they bloom two or three weeks earlier and are in full perfection before others appear; and secondly, they are hardy.

Atlas—Clear violet, large velvety maroon blotch.
Admiral Pierre—Large flowers, round, very open; dark carmine red, lower divisions clouded with purplish maroon, surrounded with light yellow.
Bajazet—Lovely light pink, shading to delicate blush; velvety carmine blotches.
Bassuet—Large; brilliant vermilion.
F. Bergman—Large, orange pink with carmine stains.
Etendard—Light brick red with large yellow blotches.
Cambetta—Dark amaranth red. Exceedingly rich.
Cleopatra—Red, carmine blotches, tinged with yellow.
Chas. Martel—Rosy blush; intense large carmine blotch.
C. Hieneman—English red, lower petals bright crimson, edges velvety and gold colored.
Creole—Of unusually fine form; color rosy blush, flamed and shaded with carmine; deep crimson blotch.
Decheville—Salmon red, buff blotched.
Emilie Lemoine—Bright vermilion, dotted gold.
Enfant de Nancy—Purplish red, lower petals deep crimson color, and blotching entirely new.
Incendiary—Fiery red, large blotch of crimson red.
Lafayette—Very large, yellowish salmon, crimson blotches.
La France—Light salmon; velvety purple, blotched.
Lamarck—Salmon, crimson and yellow spots.
Lamartine—Rosy flesh with large bright maroon blotch.
M. Leveque—Dark crimson perfect shape.
Marie Lemoine—Long spike of fine pale creamy color, flushed salmon-lilac, spotted violet and yellow.
Mme. Lemoiner—White tinged with salmon; large violet and maroon blotches.
Nydia—Blush pink, with large orange-scarlet throat.
Obelisk—Rich solferino, deep crimson blotch tipped yellow.
Vashti—Creamy white, blotched carmine.

Price of above named sorts, 5c. each; any 3 for 10c.; the 25 for 75c.

Mixed Sorts—We offer a splendid mixture of Gladiolus Lemoinei, all colors and varieties. More than 100 sorts, at 25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

10 Fine Gladiolus for 20 cts.

Our enormous stock of Gladiolus enables us to offer some really fine sorts of which we have a large supply, at a remarkably low price. The 10 here offered are fine standard varieties.

Brenchleyensis—Intense fiery scarlet. Extra early bloomer, and one of the most showy and popular kinds.
Ceres—Pure white with purple-rose spots and marks. Fine.
Golden Sceptre (*Isaac Buchanan.*) Most beautiful, fine clear yellow. Spikes large and perfect. A great favorite.
John Bull—White, slightly tinged yellow and marked violet rose. A grand old favorite.
Lamarck Cherry-scarlet, tinged orange, pure white stains.
Latone Tall and compact spike, fine flowers of a delicate rose, with creamy white blotches and stripes.
Madame de Vatry French white with purplish crimson blotch. A well-known and highly esteemed sort.
Mad. Monneret—Flower spike large and well formed; flowers large and of a delicate rose color.
Napoleon III Rich dark red, with pure white throat.
Reine Blanche—Lovely pure white with dark carmine blotch.

PRICE, 3 cts. each; One each of the 10 sorts for 20 cts. Any variety at 20c. per doz.

15 Grand Gladiolus at a Bargain.

The following fifteen varieties are classed among the most exquisite named sorts known to cultivation. Every one is a rare gem. Enormous spikes of perfect shape, and the softest and most effective colors mingled and blended in a manner which no pen can portray. Most of them retail in Europe at from 30c. to $2.00 each. In offering them at 10 cents we feel that our customers will not miss this opportunity of adding to their gardens at least some of these rare beauties.

Amalthee—A most exquisite variety and always attracts attention. Pure white with large violet-red blotches. These blotches have a velvety appearance and the lower petals are beautifully tinged and penciled.
Augusta—A magnificent variety. Pure snow-white with conspicuous blue anthers. Introduced by us several years ago, and is, next to Snow White, the finest white variety.
Bayard—Large carmine-red flowers slightly tinged with lilac, and delicately banded with white in the center of the petals. A beautiful new French variety.
Coralie—White, tinted rose and yellow; flamed with bright rose, and with yellow blotches. A French variety of much merit.
Cameleon—Compact truss of large slaty-blue flowers flamed orange and with white band down the middle of each petal. Large creamy white blotches in throat. An extra choice variety.
Corsaire—Very intense, dark, velvety scarlet tinted with brown at the edges of petals. Compact spike and large flower. A comparatively new, high-priced, and in every respect a grand variety.
Chaumont Beautiful lilac, shaded purple. A rare color as well as a beautiful one.
Diamant Fleshy white of remarkable freshness; throat ivory white, blotched and streaked carmine.
Flamboyant One of the grandest varieties known to cultivation. Flowers large and of intense scarlet color. Like a great flaming torch.
Lord Burleigh Beautiful, flesh watermelon-red with light throat
Mlle. Maries Mies—A French variety of the highest class. Large, beautiful spike of delicate rose, flamed with carmine and scarlet, blotched with purple.
Mr. Krelage—Terra cotta red flamed with smoke color. White blotch with carmine liniag.
Pyramide—Perfect spike, broader at the lower part than at the top. Flowers large and well expanded and of delicate orange-rose color.
Reverend Berkeley—A beautifully colored variety, being of delicate light rose tinged with violet-carmine, feathered and flaked with white.
Virgil—Handsome variety of bright glowing crimson color.

PRICE OF ABOVE: 10c. each; any 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c., or the 15 for 1.00. Any variety at 80c. per dozen.

15 Grand Gladiolus Cheap.

Here are 15 of the finer varieties and it is a delight to us to be able to sell at such nominal price, for we know they will bring delight to thousands of homes.

Addison—Very dark amaranth with pure white stripes which show to wonderful effect. Spike large and beautiful.

Africain—This is justly termed the black Gladiolus. Its color is of the deepest crimson-black with a pure white blotch in the throat. Spike large and perfect.

Angele—With the exception of Snow White, this is the nearest to a pure white Gladiolus in cultivation. It produces a beautiful spike, and the snow-white color with here and there a little blotch of pink, is very beautiful

Aurore—A beautiful and distinct variety, being of a bright salmon-rose color striped and marked with orange, carmine and lilac, with cherry blotches.

Duchess of Edinburg—The celebrated English variety, which has been called in Europe the finest variety in cultivation. The flowers is of fine form and great substanc. The plants attain a height of six feet. Color a deep rose with carmine stripes on lower divisions.

Fatma—Very large flower and beautiful spikes. Color ivory-white profusely striped and suffused with bright rosy-salmon, and with violet blotch. A grand variety.

Grand Rouge—Enormous spike of large, flaming scarlet blossoms. The finest of all reds and in size of flower and beauty of spike no variety can surpass it.

Hesperide—Pure white ground profusely blotched, flaked and striped with bright rosy-salmon. One of the most delicate and pleasing colors and a great favorite.

Mr. Bains—A beautiful, clear, almost transparent shade of light red. Truly exquisite as well as very showy.

Pygmalion—Cherry-red, slightly marked darker. Pure white blotched feathered. Each petal has a white band.

Octoroon—One of the most distinct and beautiful. Large well-formed spike; large flowers of a clear salmon-pink.

Pepita—Brightest golden-yellow with only slight stripes.

Shakespeare—A famous variety and one of the most beautiful in cultivation. Spikes and flowers are of very large size and most delicately and beautifully colored. Ground work is pure white suffused with carmine, and with large rosy blotches and numerous violet and pink flakes.

Sylphide—An extra large and fine flowers of a pure white color, flamed with carmine.

Thalia—Another most beautiful light-colored variety, being pure white, flamed, striped and penciled with rose

PRICE OF ABOVE: 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; the 15 for 50c. Any variety at 40c. per dozen.

15 Very Rare Gladiolus.

These are all exceedingly rare and beautiful varieties, many of which usually sell at from 50c. to $2.00 each.

Ali—Tall and compact spikes. Upper petals very pale creamy rose, striped and penciled cherry-red. Lower petals yellow with rose sheen, and finely rayed or striped.

Baroness Burdette Coutts—Delicate lilac, tinged rose and flamed rosy purple. Spikes very long and perfect, and flowers of extra large size.

Canary Bird—Probably the finest of all yellow varieties. Flowers and spikes large, and color a good clear canary. New and exceedingly rare.

Gallia—Very long spike of large and handsome rosy-white flowers, flushed bright carmine at the edges.

Glory of Brightwood—A very striking variety on account of its peculiar and intense colors. Brightest scarlet with clear lemon throat.

Fairmount—An American variety of great beauty. Flowers large and elegantly shaped. Blush-white, blotch red.

Mad. Auber—One of the grandest French varieties. Compact spikes of extra large and well-shaped flowers. Color pale, rosy-lilac, blotched with creamy white.

Mad. Leseble—Pure white with large, purplish rose blotch. A very handsome variety.

Meyerbeer—Brilliant scarlet flamed with vermilion; amaranth-red blotch.

Nereide—Long and compact spike of large nowers. Beautiful pearly-rose color suffused with lilac; blotched violet.

Seduction—Rosy salmon, very bright and open, throat exceedingly clear with large white blotches.

Sunset—Lovely pure pink, blotched and flamed darker. An exquisite variety.

Snow White—The only absolutely pure snow-white Gladiolus in existence. Flowers and spike large and of most beautiful shape.

Therese De Vilmorin—Tall spikes flowers of a creamy white, passing to pure white, with a few perplish-rose stripes in center. Very distinct.

Victor Jacqueminot—Bright, compact spike of brilliant orange flowers, profusely flamed with scarlet and white violet blotches and pure white streaks.

PRICE—20c. each; 3 for 50c. or more at 15c. each; the 15 for $1.75.

Gladiolus Childsi.

It is difficult to describe flowers of such varied and peculiar beauty as these Gladiolus. They are much stronger and more vigorous than others, the growth being exceedingly rank and the foliage dark, healthy green. They are very tall and erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of bloom over two feet in length. They branch freely, in most cases each stem producing three or four spikes of bloom, and bloom much earlier than ordinary varieties. The flowers are of great substance and of gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both flower and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is their coloring Orchids cannot surpass them in their varied and delicate shades, markings and blendings. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented, and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky-grays and purple-blacks, all having beautifully mottled and spotted throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc., and in this peculiar net-work of charming spots and colors lies one of its special points of unsurpassed beauty. The flowers are more beautifully colored than Lemoine's Hybrids, and much larger than Gandevensis. From every quarter come words of the warmest praise for their unexcelled magnificence. They far outrank all other Gladiolus in size of spike, size of bloom, vigor, varied and magnificent coloring and freedom of bloom. They were produced by Max Leichtlin of Germany, the most noted horticulturist in the world, and are the result of a careful cross between the finer varieties of Gandevensis and that lovely species, Saundersoni. They came into our possession a few years later at the purchase price of $20,000. In our hands they have been still further hybridized and improved.

FINE MIXED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

All colors and varieties. Every one an exquisite beauty. Large flowering bulbs. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for $3.00.

ELEGANT NAMED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

Each.

Aurea Superba—Foliage of a distinct yellow color. Flowers and spikes large and of peculiar beauty. Color soft orange scarlet with distinct white blotches and mottling..... 20

Africa—Dark amaranth shaded black, with large green tinted white center. Very distinct, odd and conspicuous..... 25

Adolph Close—Large spreading flower of a peculiar slaty blue color with large crimson and white mottled throat..... 50

A. H. Goldsmith—Large flower of great substance. Color pink, mottled and striped with dark crimson. White throat..... 25

Burlington—Bright pink, beautifully tinged with orange scarlet. Carmine and white mottled throat..... 15

Beverly—Large, light-red, clouded and shaded smoky blue... 30

Bessie Tanner—Very large, beautiful soft rose color with pure white throat. Exquisite..... 30

Bowdoin—Very large flower, light orange scarlet with large pure white throat. Very exquisite..... 15

Boston—Flaming orange scarlet with large pure white throat.. 10

Brilliant—Beautiful orange red with carmine and white throat. Superior to Flamboyant, Meyerbeer and other red varieties .. 20

Blue Danube—Splendid large flower; perfect spike. Exquisite silvery blue with carmine and white throat. One of the best.. 50

Columbia—Light orange scarlet freely blotched and penciled with bluish purple. Throat freely marked and mottled..... 5

Dr. Parkhurst—A spike nearly three feet in length and bearing upwards of 25 flowers. Dark brilliant red with an elegantly white mottled throat. A superb variety..... 50

Daisy Leland—Enormous spike and flower. Easily the largest flower produced by any Gladiolus. Bright rosy pink of exquisite loveliness. Spike gracefully curved..... 95

Deborah—Dark red tinged with amaranth. Very large, pure white throat and blotches. Also white band through petals... 30

Dr. Sellew—Large spike and very large flower of great substance. Deep, rich, rosy crimson, slightly penciled darker. Center of petals rayed with white. Throat pure white..... 10

Eva—Beautiful rose, shaded and marked with slate. Throat finely mottled with various colors..... 15

Exquisite—Of rather slender growth with long graceful spike. Color pure snow white with brilliant magenta..... 75

Erie—Bright rosy carmine, with canary colored throat..... 50

Elaborate—Bright fiery red, freely penciled with brilliant amaranth and large white throat. Very fine..... 25

Ethel—Beautiful soft rose color, with white and crimson..... 15

Falconer's Favorite—Very strong rank grower, enormous spike; flower large, deep ruby brilliant red, white band petals. 50

Governor Saxton—Deep amaranth, almost black, striped, shaded and mottled with red. A very odd and conspicuous color 50

Gracilis—Slender, graceful spike with large flower of a dull red color, margined and penciled with slate blue..... 40

Henry Gillman—Deep salmon scarlet with pure white bands through each petal, the throat showing peculiar mottling..... 5

Hohokus—Large flaming crimson; throat mottled bright magenta 30

Keokuk—Deep bright pink clouded tinted and spotted slate blue. 20

Kitty Leland—Bright rosy salmon with orange tinge. Flower spike often as much as three feet in length, showing between twenty and thirty blossoms which are of the largest size..... 50

Livonia—Light red with white mottled throat..... 10

Lael—Soft pink with bright carmine throat, shaded with orange and having a peculiar metallic lustre. Enormous..... 20

Little Blush—Dwarf habit, compact spike of blush white..... 15

Marguerethe—Large flower and spike. Bright red, freely marked, blotched and suffused with slate-blue..... 30

Mrs. W. N. Bird—Beautiful lilac-rose, crimson white mottlings in throat, and carmine marks. Extra fine..... 40

Mohonk—A strong, rank grower, flowers of large size and great substance. Deep dark pink with spotted throat, shaded orange and flaked with maroon..... 10

Mrs. Beecher—Beautiful deep rosy crimson. Large well opened flower with pure white throat, freely marked and spotted. 10

Mrs. La Mance—White overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling being purplish crimson..... 15

Middleboro—Salmon pink, freely flaked and penciled with deep rose and carmine mottled throat..... 25

Marginata—Fine salmon with crimson and white throat, each petal having a delicate margin of slate blue..... 20

Mottled Gem—Large spreading flower, showing an unusually large throat beautifully mottled white, violet and scarlet..... 40

Nakomis—Soft pink blotched and shaded with orange; white and crimson throat. Enormous spikes..... 15

Norma Dee Childs—Extra large flower and spike. Color delicate white, softly penciled with rose, and with large sulphur-yellow throat. Perfectly exquisite and distinct..... 75

Newark—Orange red with white and crimson mottled throat.... 20

Nezinscott—Bright blood scarlet with deep velvety crimson, black blotches and white mottling in the throat..... 10

Oddity—Deep amaranth red, freely suffused with purple-blue. Large distinct white marks and red and white mottled throat. 25

Old Oxford—Slaty crimson, heavily clouded with blue. Large crimson and white mottled throat..... 30

Peoria—Slaty lilac, with white and crimson throat..... 25

Princeton—Large flaming red with violet and white mottlings in throat. Spikes of great length..... 10

President McKinley—Flower of gigantic size, light scarlet with very large and conspicuous white throat..... 50

Ruby—Very dark deep ruby red with bright violet and white mottling in throat; an exceedingly rich color..... 25

Saratoga—Large, flaming orange-scarlet; white mottled throat. 25

Sacramento—Deep bright coral scarlet, with white mottlings.. 20

Striped Banner—Very tall with long spike. Flowers large and well open. White freely marked and striped deepest crimson.. 30

St. Oscar—Large, well-open flower; rosy pink outside and blush pink inside, with throat variegations of different colors..... 30

Senator Childs—Large well opened flower, deep glowing red, with enormous white throat. Extra fine..... 30

Savannah—Deep blood red with white mottled throat..... 20

Sandusky—Carmine red, penciled and flaked darker..... 20

Splendor—A splendid large flower, of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta stains with purple and white mottlings.. 25

Tinted White—A very large flower, well open and a pure white color beautifully tinted with pale pink. Tall spike and vigorous. 40

Torch-Light—Very fine spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white and violet..... 10

Tuxedo—Fine rose marbled with crimson, throat showing large white stripes and beautiful mottlings..... 50

Wm. Falconer—Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Light pink and blush, two delicate shades, freely mottled. 5

Waukesha—Salmon pink shaded lighter inside; large beautiful primrose throat thickly mottled crimson. Spikes 2 to 3 feet... 10

Yolande—Pure white softly tinted blush with large brilliant crimson throat..... 25

One bulb each of the 63 varieties for $10.00.

CHILDS' GREAT NEW CALLAS.

SPOTTED CALLA.

EVERBLOOMING CALLA.

Childs' New Dwarf Everblooming Calla.

It is our good fortune to have come into possession of this most valuable of all Callas. The following facts will convince anyone of its great superiority over the old sort. It is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety, but is strong and compact with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground and being potted in September, will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sort will not produce so many flowers in the course of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers and its dwarf compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. All in all it is one of the most desirable plants we ever offered. Strong plants for blooming at once, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00.

New Sweet Scented Calla, Fragrance.

Probably the greatest novelty of the year. It seems to be identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of California, who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of Violets or Lilies." With us it has proved a great success and we have a large stock of it. The above description of our Dwarf Everblooming is a correct description of ***Fragrance*** also, adding only its additional merit of sweet scent. Fine plants, 30c. each, 3 for $2.00.

New Dwarf Calla, Little Gem.

All that need be said about this sterling novelty is that it is a perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high, and producing perpetually very large snow-white blossoms. It begins to bloom when only a few inches high in a three or four inch pot and a well-established plant in a large pot is never without flowers, summer or winter, and sometimes shows a dozen at once. The greatest plant novelty of late years and yet the sensation of the day. Our stock is TRUE, and the largest in the world. The plant for everybody. Price of fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.

Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white, with a black center, and very beautiful. They grow freely in any soil, either indoors or out. They flower splendidly in the garden, treated like Gladiolus; that is, planted in spring and dug in autumn. The bulbs we send out are large and solid, and will all flower freely soon after planted. 15c. each; 3 for 30c. *A few bulbs of enormous size at 25c. each.*

The Yellow Calla.

The Yellow Calla (*Calla Hastata*) is one of the rarest and most eagerly sought of all bulbs, and we have this year, for the first time, got a good large stock of large flowering bulbs to offer. They should be potted in the spring and they will start growth at once and commence blooming in a short time. The bulbs are strong and send up a rank growth of beautiful leaves and numerous flowers, which are a bright golden yellow with a black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossom a peculiar charm Bulbs are very scarce, and may seem high in price, yet it was only two years ago that they sold for $2.00 each. Fine flowering bulbs, 60c. each; 3 for $1.50.

SPECIAL OFFER—***For only $1.50 we will send one fine plant each of above five splendid Callas.***

LITHO. BY H.M.WALL, BROOKLYN, N.Y.

FRAGRANT AND EVERBLOOMING CALLA.
YELLOW CALLA.
"LITTLE GEM" CALLA.

LITHO BY H.M.WALL, BROOKLYN N.Y.

Childs' Grand Flowering Cannas.

These are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing, and are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following named sorts are the very best of the new and better known large flowering Dwarf varieties. We have selected these varieties after careful tests of hundreds of sorts, and our customers can rely upon them as being the most magnificent and desirable in every respect, combining large flowers of great brilliancy with beautiful foliage, free blooming and easy growing qualities. Our new *Rainbow* is an exquisite foliage plant.

Best Flowering Cannas.

Alsaise—A vigorous grower, 4 feet, with large panicles of bloom. Spikes full, dense, and produced early and continuously. Color, lovely creamy white, the nearest to a pure white yet seen among Cannas.

Coronet—Semi-dwarf; bright green foliage and large trusses of pure sulphur-yellow flowers. Absolutely a pure yellow. Exceedingly fine.

Alphonse Bouvier—Rich luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest and richest blood vermilion color.

Paul Marquant—3½ feet high, fine healthy growers, flowers very large and borne in long panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon shaded red. 3½ feet.

Star of 1891—The enormous panicles of flowers which are borne continually even on plants only a foot or two in height, and in small pots is indeed marvelous, and the intense color of the blossoms makes such plants objects of the most effective beauty.

Improved Queen Charlotte—A magnificent variety with large scarlet petals widely bordered with gold. In fact the flower is about evenly divided between these two brilliant colors. No better sort yet introduced. 2 feet.

Madame Crozy—Fine scarlet with gold band and markings. One of the very best, producing large panicles of flowers. Height, 3 feet.

Fairy Queen—Dwarf; great panicles of bright scarlet blossoms, freely spotted and widely bordered with golden yellow. An extra fine sort. 2 feet.

Giant Crimson—Extra fine green foliage; petals 1½ to 2 inches across, dark orange crimson spotted with deeper crimson or maroon. Very fine and showy variety. 2 feet.

Marigold—Flowers very large and of a rich orange color; foliage dense, glaucous green; two feet. A new and beautiful color.

Flamingo—Half dwarf; deep blood-crimson. Large fine flower and truss; very showy.

Philadelphia—Flowers gigantic in size, 5 to 6 inches across, deep, rich ruby red; by far the finest of all red Cannas. Vigorous grower, 2 to 3 feet; luxuriant foliage. Extra.

Golden Star—Very dwarf like Star of 1891, with large panicles of bright golden color. 2 feet.

Florence Vaughan—The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color bright canary yellow thickly spotted with vivid scarlet. 4 feet.

Ehemanni—Its wide Banana-like leaves are grand beyond description; its stately weeping habit perfection itself. To crown it all its great drooping spikes of trumpet-shaped Fuchsia-like flowers are a very striking color, lovely rosy scarlet. 4 feet.

Pink Ehemanni—A fine soft pink color, in other respects like Ehemanni. 4 feet high.

Primrose—Fine clear primrose yellow. 3 feet.

PRICE *of above 17 grand Cannas, 15c. each; any 4 for 50c.; the 17 for $2.00. Any sort at $1.25 per dozen, postpaid.*

BY EXPRESS, Any of the above at $1 per doz.; $6 per 100.

New Foliage Canna, Rainbow.

This is the most magnificent novelty among foliage plants. Each leaf is beautifully variegated with pink, scarlet, orange, grey, green, etc. The colored plate gives a good idea of its peculiar beauty. In habit of growth it is superb. It hardly reaches the height of 3 feet, and is compact with numerous leaves which are wide, wavy and graceful. In this respect more charming than any other Canna. Rainbow is a seedling of John White, and always comes perfectly true even from seed. In fact seedling plants are often more highly colored than those grown from roots. Aside from its beauty and usefulness as a garden ornament it is still grander in pots for the window or porch, and makes a specimen plant which nothing, not even Fancy Caladiums, can surpass. Fine roots, 25c. each; 3 for 50c; 7 for $1.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

Magnificent New Cannas.

Duke of Marlborough—Dark velvety maroon. Perhaps the darkest and richest in color of all Cannas. Petals wide, truss compact, erect and very large. Elegant foliage of a metallic green color. Height 3 to 4 feet.

Duchess of Marlborough—Absolutely pure pink. Numerous spikes, each with three or four trusses of large elegant flowers, each truss bearing from fifty to seventy-five blossoms fully five inches across. Four feet high. Best pure pink variety yet seen.

Champion—This is perhaps the finest Canna yet introduced and might be called the Crimson Austria, as the flower is fully as large as that giant variety, of a bright dazzling crimson-scarlet, a color not approached in brightness and richness by any other variety. It is of vigorous growth with bright green foliage; bears four to five trusses to a spike, each truss containing fifty or more flowers. 4 to 5 feet.

Klondike—The grandest Canna of its color. A pure gilded orange, absolutely without a rival. The color is as rare as it is beautiful. Flowers enormous, petals 2¼ inches wide well rounded and curved. Truss compact and erect, frequently one foot across. 4 feet high.

Loraine—Beautiful pink with a wide sulphur-yellow edge. A charming combination of colors, and entirely new and unique. Spikes large. 4 feet.

Topaz—The finest pure yellow Canna yet introduced. It is of large size and ideal form. 3 feet.

F. F. Hunt—Fine large flower and beautiful compact truss. Color pure canary-yellow freely striped with scarlet. A grand new variety. 3 to 4 feet.

Little Duke—A superb pink variety offered now for the first time. Large truss composed of beautiful large flowers, of an exquisite pink color usually with a slight edging of gold which gives it a thoroughly distinct characteristic. One of the most beautiful varieties. 4 feet.

Pres. Carnot—A magnificent Canna with dark maroon-black foliage. Equalled in darkness, richness and beauty only by Black Beauty. Added to the magnificence of its foliage are its immense trusses, of rich, deep crimson-scarlet blossoms, all in all, a most superb and distinct sort. 4 feet.

John B. Dutcher—Immense truss of gigantic blossoms. Color dark crimson-maroon, rich and velvety. 4 feet.

PRICE *of these 10 grand new Cannas, 25c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 10 for $1.50. Any sort at $1.50 per dozen, postpaid.*

New Giant Hybrid Cannas.

Italia and Austria form an entirely new race of Cannas, the beauty of which no pen can portray. They are such an improvement over the varieties heretofore seen that all are left far in the shade. The combination is luxuriant foliage, with blossoms more than double the size of any other variety, and colors which are perfectly fascinating. Leaves Musa-like, almost upright, slightly recurving, bright green, clean and healthy. Stems rise to the height of 7 feet, well above the foliage, and bear monstrous clusters of bloom. Individual flowers 5 to 6 inches across, airy, graceful and perfect. Colors bright and striking.

Italia—Flowers very large, each petal 4 to 5 inches, and most beautifully colored. Brightest scarlet with a broad yellow border, irregularly blotched and spotted.

Austria—Enormous flowers, beautiful canary yellow with a silvery hue, inside slightly dotted with red. Both in foliage and flower these two Cannas surpass all others.

PRICE *20c. each; 2 for 30c.; 12 for $1.50; 100 for $10.00, postpaid.*

NEW FOLIAGE CANNA, BLACK BEAUTY.

A tall grower, with luxuriant leaves which are of a rich maroon-black color. Very effective as a foliage plant. Very scarce, there being but little of the true variety in cultivation, most of which we possess. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

HYBRID CANNA SEED.

Cannas grow readily from seed, and bloom in a few months. The seed here offered is hybrids saved from the above grand new sorts and will give magnificent results. Per pkt. of 25 seeds, 25c.

For other Canna Seed see page 55.

Choice Flower Seed Novelties.

The spice of the garden is in its novelties. No matter how many favorites we have among the standard varieties we all find the Novelties to be the most interesting, and we watch their blooming with eagerness. The first question asked us by our friends is, "Have you any Novelties to be seen?" and "How are you pleased with the Novelties this year?" Our customers are never disappointed in our Seed Novelties for we are careful to test them thoroughly and prove their merits before offering. Not over ten per cent. of the European novelties are worthy of introduction here and we have always protected our patrons from being imposed upon by making thorough tests and offering only such as are of real merit. The Mayflower Verbena, Cosmos, and Daybreak Aster are immense.

Verbena, Mayflower.

This, the greatest Flower Seed Novelty of this year, was raised and named by Luther Burbank, of California, the noted horticulturist, who has produced more good novelties the last eight years than ever before originated on one place. This Verbena is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color and fragrance are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or, as it is called in New England, Mayflower. The blossoms are white, touched with delicate pink, and we have Mr. Burbank's word for it that the flowers are as rich and powerful in fragrance as the Arbutus. The Verbena being of a creeping or trailing habit like the Arbutus, with clusters and individual flowers much the same, one can easily imagine how the addition of the same fragrance may make a close imitation of that most beautiful of all wild flowers. We have secured from Mr. Burbank the entire stock of seed. Per packet, 25c.; 3 pkts., 60c.

Cosmos, Julia E. Lee.

It was Miss Julia E. Lee, of New Mexico, who first sent us seed of the Cosmos and enabled us to introduce it to the world, and all will admit that the world owes her much. This new strain, which we have named in her honor, is so early in blooming that seed sown in the open ground at corn-planting time will commence blooming in July and continue until frost. What more need to be said of it? Its flowers are large and fine and show all the rich and delicate colors (from crimson to white) found among Cosmos. We are sure that this new extra early flowering strain will be heartily welcomed by all. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.

Aster, Daybreak.

A sport from the celebrated Branching Aster bearing immense Pæony-like double blossoms of the loveliest seashell pink color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and their lasting qualities are such that when cut and placed in water they will keep two weeks. Pkt., 15c.

"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physilis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is growing if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer, the blossoms being large, cup-shaped, and of a lovely light blue color with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of any special value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.

Clitoria Ternatea.

A splendid perennial shrubby plant, which is suitable for pots or the garden and which blooms freely the first season from seed. Plants grow in a neat bushy form, with handsome foliage and an abundance of large pendulous blossoms shaped like a Centrosema, and of a dark rich indigo blue color. A very fine novelty indeed. Pkt., 20c.

Caryopteris, Blue and White.

This new plant is highly spoken of in the foreign horticultural journals, and has been twice color-plated. It is of Chinese origin, and has lately been introduced. It is extremely floriferous, plants in 2½ inch pots blooming profusely and continuing to do so until they have reached a height and width of three feet. The dense flowers are of a rich lavender or pure white color. A superb pot plant, especially for blooming at Thanksgiving, at which time it is most profuse, or a fine plant for the garden where it blooms all the late summer and fall. It is of a shrubby nature and perfectly hardy in the open ground, bearing freely year after year. Both colors, blue and white, mixed, 10c. per pkt.

SPECIAL OFFER—*One packet each of these 6 fine Flower Seed Novelties (which amount to $1.00) for only 60c.*

Our Great Chromo Pictures.

We hope that not one of our customers will fail to order these pictures. There was never anything produced in floral art which can compare in magnificence to them.

IRIS KAEMPFERI. A companion picture to Gladiolus Childsi, size 16x33, in eighteen colors, showing thirteen varieties of the finest double Iris Kaempferi in natural colors. It is useless to attempt to describe the beauty of this loveliest of all floral paintings. The great flaming blossoms in the loveliest tints stand out in all their silken lustre and charm the eye with their matchless beauty.

EXQUISITE FRUIT PAINTING. This is a most superb picture, especially for the dining-room. Its size is 17x24 inches, and it shows a beautiful collection of richly colored fruits, cherries, grapes, apples, pears, etc.

PRICE of these beautiful pictures, 15c. each; the 2 for 20c., in strong rollers, by mail, postpaid. We can still furnish our great painting of **Gladiolus Childsi,** at 15c. each, postpaid; but the supply is nearly exhausted.

VERBENA "MAYFLOWER"
SHOOFLY PLANT.
CARYOPTERIS.
CLITORIA.
NEW COSMOS.
FLOWER SEED NOVELTIES.

HORNED CUCUMBER.
DIADEM TOMATO.
3 GREAT NEW VEGETABLES.
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Three Unique New Vegetables

African Horned or Climbing Cucumber.

A few years ago a missionary in Central Africa sent us seed of this peculiar Cucumber which he found growing there. The vine is a rapid grower, and will climb freely to a considerable height on trellis or screen, or it may be allowed to trail over the ground. The fruit, which is borne profusely all summer, is a deep sea-green color, but when ripe turns to a dark orange-scarlet. When fully grown it is the size of a small Muskmelon, oblong, and covered with protruding points or horns. For eating it should be taken before it is too old, like any other Cucumber. In quality it is simply luscious, having the pure cucumber flavor in a degree of delicacy and refinement not before seen. It is exceedingly tender and seems to melt in one's mouth, and consequently easily digested. People who cannot eat ordinary Cucumbers find no difficulty with this. Dr. Clowe writes recently that the natives in Africa do not eat it until it is fully ripe and the pulp becomes soft. It is then nutritious and very refreshing. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Tomato Diadem.

A BEAUTIFUL NEW STRIPED VARIETY.

Here we have at last what leading horticulturists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A tomato of high quality with a beautiful striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby red, the rich, dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of old gold, the beautiful effect of which is admirably shown on colored plate. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. It is of fair size, smooth, handsome shape, and of best quality. This splendid novelty was introduced by us last year, and has given great satisfaction everywhere. Many people say that it is the most novel thing, and by far the greatest attraction in their gardens. Everybody is delighted with it, and as all our customers will want it this year we offer it at only 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 50c.

The Byer Bean.

This out-ranks any other Bush or Snap Bean so far introduced. In quality it is the best and in productiveness it will more than double any other variety. The Michigan Agricultural Station, where the Bean was tested last year, says of it in their Bulletin No. 153, issued in February, 1898: "The Byer Bean.—Plants of healthy, vigorous growth, very branching and productive. The pods are five to six inches long, round, nearly straight, green in color, very brittle and fine in quality. The plants are very productive and have a long season of bearing. It is a valuable sort for the home garden or market." The Bulletin then goes on to give the comparative tests. This table shows that one plant of the Byer Bean produced 271 pods, weighing 47 ounces. The variety which approached next to it was Stringless Green Pod with 121 pods, 20½ ounces. From that the number ranges down to 16 pods, 2½ ounces, in Union White Valentine. This shows that the Byer is more than twice as productive as the best of the twelve other best varieties tested. I do not think we need to say any more in recommendation of it. Price, 15c. per pkt.; 2 pkts. for 25c. Per pint, 40c.; per quart, 75c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For 25c. we will send one pkt. each of these 3 great Vegetable Novelties.*

Floral Park Lawn Grass.—Quick Growing.

Not even fine trees and beautiful flowers add as much beauty to the home surroundings as does a fine velvety lawn. To secure a fine, close, even sward, it is absolutely necessary to use proper grasses. Good deep, rich color and turfy, compact habit, stooling out well from the bottom, and they must be able to stand the sun as well, and a considerable amount of drouth without injury. We have a mixture of grasses that meet all these requirements. We use it at Floral Park, where it has been much admired. We have sold it in every state and territory in the United States, and it has given entire satisfaction in every location. It grows quickly, making a fine green sward in a few weeks. A whole season's drouth will not kill out this grass. It may dry and burn as brown as possible, yet the first good rain will immediately bring it up green and velvety. 35c. per quart; $2.25 per peck, postpaid; by express, per peck, $1.25; per bushel, $4.00.

SPECIALTIES AND NOVELTIES.

The choicest and best Bulbs and Plants of recent introduction are offered here. They are worthy of special attention, and our friends will do well to add many of them to their collection of floral treasures. During the last ten years we have led the world in the introduction of valuable Plant and Bulb Novelties.

NEW MULTIFLORA ROSES.

ROSES FROM SEED, BLOOMING IN 60 DAYS.

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc.—no two alike and mostly perfectly double and very sweet. Greatest novelty of last year. We sold 50,000 packets of these Roses last year and as far as we have heard they were more than satisfactory in every case. Customers write that they are really wonderful. Finest seed, 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 30c. Plants, $1 00 per dozen.

OUR GREAT

Surprise Collection!

Larger and Finer this Year than ever before.
$4.00 or $5.00 worth for only $1.00.

It is our custom, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take the surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers giving four or five times the value of their money. In fact the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent out until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 15th will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection. All will be pleased.

NEW GIANT LEAVED COLEUS.

Two Grand New Coleus.

Velvet-like leaves of wonderful richness, and beauty.

Dr. Ross—Enormous leaves like a Rex Begonia, but more exquisitely colored, being a blending of yellow, crimson, pink, green, chocolate, etc. A grand specimen plant.

Mrs. Saunders—A wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. Perfectly fascinating.

Price, 15c. each; the two for 20c.

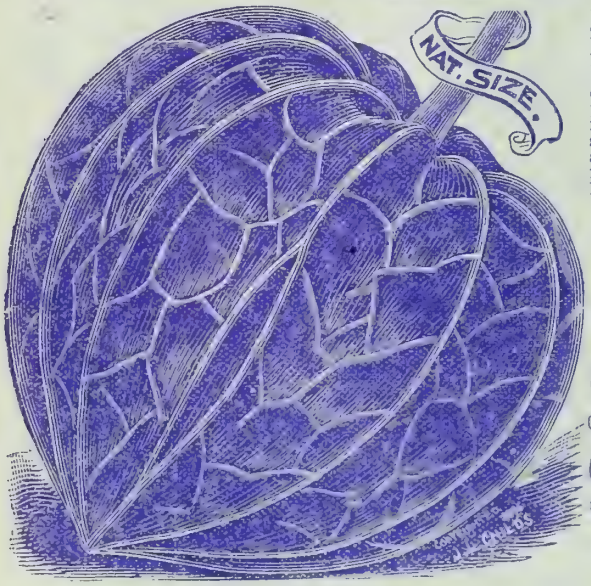
New Giant Leaved Coleus

OR RAINBOW-LEAVED

These grow early and rapidly from seed, and make fine specimen plants in two or three months, and if you raise a thousand of them no two will be alike. The leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy. Spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc., with the most rich and charming colors, white, purple, pink, crimson, green, yellow, velvety red and black—in endless variety. Such colors; such combinations and contrasts. They excel Fancy Leaved Caladiums and all other foliage plants. We never put out a finer novelty than this. See colored plate in February Mayflower. **Extra fine Hybridized seed 20c. per pkt. Fine plants, 5 for 60c.; 10 for $1.00.**

Chinese Lantern Plant.

A most magnificent plant for the garden during summer, or for pots both summer and winter, and a useful fruit. Not in years has so unique and novel a plant been introduced. We enumerate its good qualities as follows: 1st. Treated like a Geranium it grows and fruits freely from seed the first season, yet the plants are perennial and perfectly hardy in the open ground, or may be wintered in the cellar or grown in pots as a window plant. When in fruit during early fall and winter it is a superb pot plant. 2nd. The plant produces numerous large white flowers, which are followed by large inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a beautiful green color, changing to a yellowish hue and then to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and strikingly beautiful appearance. Autumn frosts do not injure foliage or fruit, and it is a showy plant long after all others are killed. 3rd. In these husks or "lanterns" a fruit is borne, in color a deep ruby-red, and good either for cooking, preserving or eating raw, and keeps well into the winter. 4th. Branches of "lanterns" cut and dried retain their rich and brilliant color, and make most beautiful winter bouquets when used with dried grasses or leaves. The plant grows from 1¼ to 2 feet in height, clothed with luxuriant foliage among which is suspended a number of bright "lanterns" all the time. An elegant pot or garden plant, and one which we can strongly recommend. It is in many particulars the most unique plant we know. We can supply both seed and strong plants. The plants will bloom and fruit at once. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c. Plants from seed fruit well first year if started early. Strong plants, 15c. each; 2 for 25c. 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.



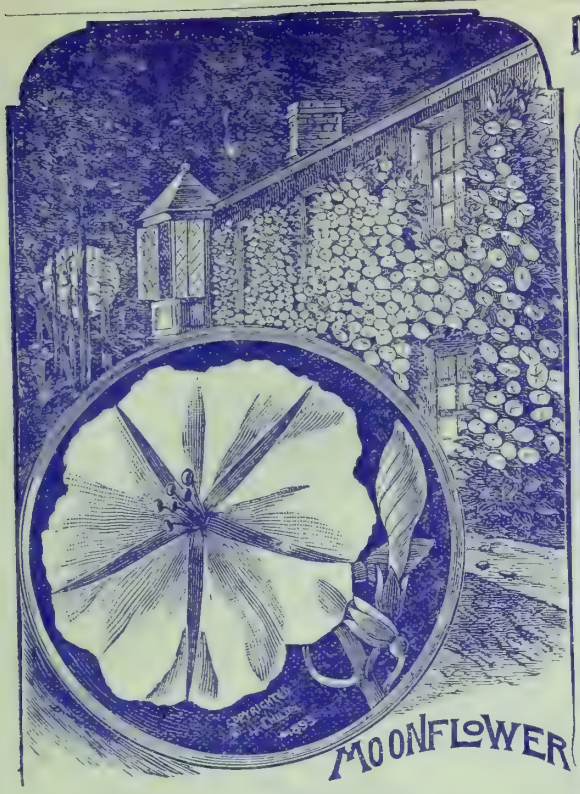
Giant Scented Snapdragon.

Giant White—This remarkable new plant has in one season jumped into foremost place among choice winter-blooming plants. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color pure white, with lemon tinged throat and of a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market.

Giant Yellow—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary yellow.

Giant Crimson—Largest of all.

PRICE—*Fine plants, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; or $1.50 per doz.*
***Seed,** separately or mixed, 10c. per pkt.; one packet each of the three for 25c.*



Moonflower.

The most popular quick growing vine in cultivation. Its rapid, luxuriant growth, its thick, overlapping glossy foliage, and its nightly scores of immense silky blooms of rare fragrance, are merits that cannot be over estimated. By actual count a strong vine will bear one to three thousand of its superb blooms in a season. Very fine for piazzas, arbors, etc.

Ipomœa Noctiphiton—Grand foliage and magnificent snow-white blooms, four or five inches across. Stands drouth like a Salamander. Give it rich soil if possible. Fine plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.

IPOMŒA MEXICANA.

Ipomœa Learei—A large vine, but not quite so rank growing. Flowers of a lovely azure blue, with faint crimson bars. Texture almost as delicate as the spider's web. Lovely beyond description. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.

Pandurata, or Hardy Tuberous-Rooted Moonflower—This will stand a year's drouth without a murmur. An immense subterranean root weighing sometimes a hundred pounds, sustains the vine through any vicissitude of weather, until frost kills the vine to the ground. Each year it springs up stronger than before, until it becomes a large luxuriant vine, clothed with a luxuriant growth of pretty cordate leaves, and bearing great quantities, yes, thousands of large, thick-textured waxy flowers of a rich creamy-white, with a throat of violet-purple. It will grow in any soil, no matter how poor, and its blossoms remain open all day, unlike other Ipomœas. It is perfectly hardy in any climate, and a vine which will cover an enormous amount of space. 25c. each; 5 for $1.

Ipomœa Mexicana—In a sheltered location the blossoms of this remain open all day. Almost as large as Ipomœa Noctiphiton. It has a large, tuberous root that can be preserved over winter like the Dahlia, and this gives the plant a strong and early start each spring. Very handsome, and graceful airy foliage, deeply incised or palmated. The blossoms are of an indescribable rosy crimson with a shade of violet or blue and are very beautiful, resembling rich satin. 20c. each.

Giant Pink Hybrid—A Hybrid Pink Moonflower of marvelous growth. Seeds germinate very quickly and plants begin to bloom about as soon as a Morning Glory. The blooms are produced by the thousand all summer and fall. The vine makes a most rapid growth and covers more space than any other Moonflower, or other annual vine. It branches freely and its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant. The blossoms open about four o'clock in the afternoon and do not close until about noon the next day. Color, soft lilac-pink. Seed, 10c. per packet.

Mixed Moonflower Seed—Fine mixed seed of all the Moonflowers here offered, 10c. per packet.

SPECIAL OFFER.

One plant each of Noctiphiton, Learei, Pandurata and Mexicana for 60c.

CHILDS' SUPERB GLOXINIAS

Gloxinia Bulbs.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda or conservatory in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their regal beauty. We have seen people pay $2.50 for a small plant with four or five blooms on it when they could have bought the bulb two months before for 25 cents and potted it themselves. They are no trouble at all to grow, and bloom constantly until autumn, when they should be allowed to die down, and the pots kept dry in some warm place until next spring, when the bulbs can be started into growth again. Our new Gloxinias are great improvements over the older sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large-throated wide-lobed flowers borne above the foliage like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear or brilliant, sometimes self-colored but more often tinged, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful.

Defiance—Pure scarlet. Very rich.
Grandiflora—Pure white. Perfectly exquisite.
Erecta Violeccaia—Grand velvety blue.
Tigered and Spotted—Extra fine spotted.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Mixed, All Colors—Our strain of mixed Gloxinias includes the finest and most varied varieties from best European collections, including the beautifully spotted and tigered strains, Erecta, Grandiflora, Hybrids, Crassifolia, of elegant self and variegated colors. Fine select bulbs, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

GLOXINIA, TIGERED AND SPOTTED.

Choicest Gloxinia Seed.

The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Large, erect, open-throated flowers of thick satiny texture and most profusely borne. Seeds are very fine and must be sown with care. Seedlings grow well, and if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving large and beautiful flowers. Try them by all means. There is no flower more charming. Per pkt.

French Hybrids—Splendid mixed; the finest varieties of various colors ..... 10 & 20
Tigered and Spotted—Mixed colors; all beautifully spotted ..... 10 & 20
Crassifolia Erecta—Mixed colors; all erect bloomers. 10 & 20
Pure White—The most heavenly of all flowers for true loveliness and purity ..... 10 & 20

TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIAS.

The fashionable plant of the day, and richly does it deserve its honors, for in addition to very handsome foliage it bears a never-ending profusion of the most ravishingly beautiful flowers the whole summer, and then, with the coming of cold weather, very obligingly take a nap until spring, asking no further care through the winter than to be packed in soil away from frost. This trait will be appreciated by the many people who have no spare windows to carry over tender bedding plants, yet dislike to be at the expense of buying a new lot each spring. This grand plant is a rival to the Gloxinia as a summer window or conservatory plant, and as strong a rival to the Geranium and Verbena as an outdoor bedding plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June and will soon be in full bloom. Give partial shade out of doors and protect from severe winds if possible. Our strain of both double and single is a very superior one, many of the flowers measuring 4 to 6 inches across.

Single White—Fine pure color; large flower.
Single Yellow—Extra fine.
Single Scarlet—Fine bright shade.
Single Pink—Beautiful soft shade.
Single Dark Crimson—Deep and rich color.
10c. each; the 5 for 50c.
Double White—Extra fine.
Double Scarlet—Large fine flower.
Double Yellow—Very beautiful.
Double Rose—Fine rose pink.
20c. each; the 4 for 60c.
Single Mixed—Extra fine. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.
Double Mixed—All colors. A glorious strain of finest large flowered double sorts. 15c. each; 6 for 60c.

Choicest Begonia Seed.

With good care seedlings bloom in from five to eight months' time. Per pkt.

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Single—Flowering sorts, mixed.....10 & 20
Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Double—Mixed.....10 & 20

DOUBLE FLORET

SOUVENIR

CACTUS

BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD

E. P. Janker—Exactly like Belle of Springfield, except color, which is buff yellow. Lovely.

Livonia—Much like M. Bruant, except the flower stems are much longer, and the color of the large perfect blossoms is a soft, sweet, sea-shell pink, a color as rare as it is beautiful.

M. Bruant—Flower of gigantic size, petals wide, shape perfect, double to the very center, and a great bloomer. Color, pure white, beautiful beyond description.

Jamaica—An enormous flower, like M. Bruant, of a bright magenta-red color. One of the very largest and best.

Double Floret—A grand Dahlia which may be said to be a *double double*, as it has two florets in place of one, one snugly rolled inside the other. The flower is therefore more perfectly double than any other, and is a great beauty. Color, rosy scarlet.

Cactus—A fine variety of the Cactus type.

Superb New Dahlias.

These 12 new Dahlias, of recent introduction, are in our estimation, the finest in cultivation.

Price, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 12 for $2.00.

Belle of Springfield—This is a real gem. It is exceedingly dwarf, branching freely and forming a very compact, bushy plant not over two feet in height, though it blooms from the time it is six inches high. Five hundred blossoms have been counted at one time on a fair-sized plant, while one hundred blossoms is the usual number which a plant shows at all times. The flowers are 1½ inches across, bright scarlet in color, perfectly double, and imbricated to the very center. It is the most lovely flowering plant imaginable, and equally valuable for growing in the garden or in pots. It blooms profusely all summer and long into winter, if potted.

DAHLIA NYMPHÆA.

Nymphæa—Like a lovely pink Water Lily. Extremely beautiful and novel. It is a great and persistent bloomer all through the season, and its charming Water-Lily-like blossoms are always admired.

Floral Park Jewel—The most beautiful Dahlia in cultivation. Flowers of many colors, from deep maroon to blush white, including beautiful spotted and variegated forms, are borne in great profusion on the same plant at the same time. In fact a plant will hardly ever produce two flowers alike. Blush-white, crimson-maroon, white suffused with maroon, maroon suffused with white, crimson-red, purple spotted, marked or marbled with white, spotted, marbled and striped with maroon, pink or crimson, or several colors suffused in an odd and irregular way. Often one-half of the flower will be white and the other half maroon, or the center white, while the outer half will be deep crimson maroon. The exceeding beauty of a plant loaded with flowers and each one of a different color can be better imagined than described. The blossoms are perfectly double, large and of perfect shape and borne by the hundred.

Garnet—Large beautiful flower of a rich plum or garnet.

Souvenir—Lovely variegated blossoms. Scarlet and white

Argentia Variegata—The leaves of this fine Dahlia are beautifully variegated with white, making it a most conspicuous and attractive plant.

LIVONIA.

Mixed Dahlias—We can supply large field-grown tubers of 25 finest Dahlias, (mixed) at $1.00 per dozen, by mail or express. Larger tubers can be sent by express.

Dahlia Seed.

We still find difficulty in convincing our customers that good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and that plants will bloom the first season from the seed. We only wish we could show all our doubters some of the magnificent flowers grown from our seeds. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory from seed, can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. We know this to be so by repeated experiments of our own, and our customers write us the same thing. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen were among seedlings. Give good soil and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Out of a large paper of seed no two plants will be alike in flower, while there will be every color represented, from snow white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house, and transplant to open ground after frost is gone. Per pkt.

Double Large Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....10 & 20

Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain.....10 & 20

New Single, Mixed Strain—Flowers very large and of rainbow colors. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers..5 & 10

Cracilis, Mixed Colors—Fine cut foliage and a profusion of brilliantly striped and flecked blossoms.....5 & 10

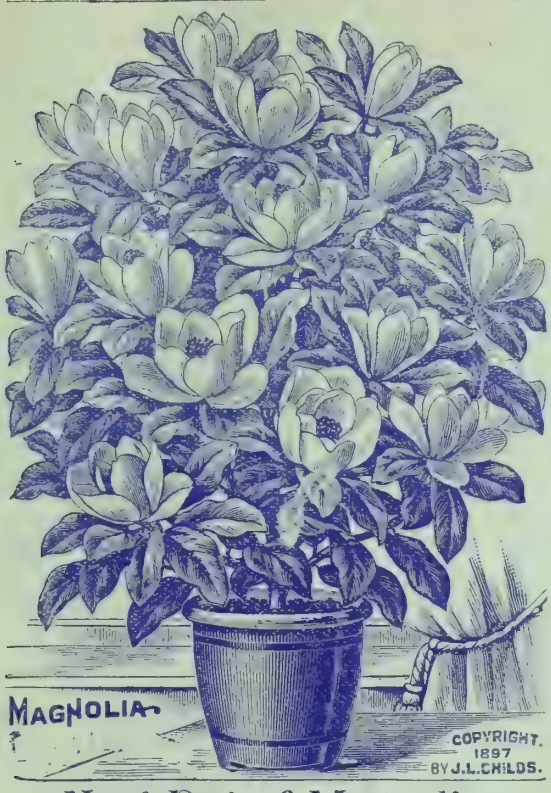
Cactus—A new class of broad petaled double flowers esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct and extra for cutting..10 & 20

DAHLIA GRACILIS.

Imperialis—The "Lily Dahlia," the most beautiful of all Dahlias. It grows 10 to 12 feet high, and bears panicles of elegant, lily-like flowers, measuring 8 inches from tip to tip of petals. The color is a very delicate mauve, almost white, veined with old pink, and with a ring of pink around the orange-yellow center. It blooms from seed the first year. Flowers single and rather pendulous or bell-shaped. This is one of the great good novelties of recent times.....10 & 20

Phrynium Variegatum.

An elegant pot or bedding plant which is faithfully depicted in the accompanying cut, though it conveys no idea of the exquisite variegations of the leaves. Its manner of growth is much like that of a Canna, the leaves borne on erect foot-stalks with spreading blades of oblong-lanceolate form. They are bright pale green, beautifully variegated with white and gold, the variegation being extremely diversified. In some leaves the whole area is white, in others only one-half, in others again it is confined to the interspaces between two or three of the ribs, while in others it is reduced to a few stripes. It is very free growing and one of the most ornamental plants imaginable. As a pot plant it surpasses the best Palms, and can be compared only to some of the rare Dracænas. As a bedding plant, planted out in full sun, it is simply elegant, making a specimen which for ornamental foliage has no equal. It is a free, vigorous and easy grower, succeeding in all situations and under all conditions. Being so very cheap, we trust all of our customers will plant it. It is sure to delight all. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; 15 for $2.00.



New Dwarf Magnolia.

Next to the Otaheite Orange this new dwarf Magnolia for pot culture is the most desirable plant of its class. It is of a shrubby nature like the Orange, its leaves being evergreen and very ornamental, much more so than the Orange, but when loaded with its large yellowish flowers of such superb fragrance, it is a plant which for novelty and genuine beauty is not surpassed. Its color is fine, having a rich brownish tinge, and the powerful fragrance of the blossoms is like rich, ripe bananas. For church or parlor decoration this plant has no superior. It is as easily grown in any window as a Geranium the year round, or it may be wintered in the cellar. South of Washington it is perfectly hardy in the garden. Fine plants 50c. each; 3 for $1.25.

NEW DWARF JUSTICIA.

New Dwarf Justicia.

This new Dwarf Justicia is really a much finer plant than our engraving suggests. Everyone knows the tall, lanky, straggling habit of the old Justicia Rosea. This new sort, which is now grow so extensively by Parisian florists, begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves, and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant frequently covered with 20 to 30 large pink flower-heads, lasting a long time. The foliage is also more persistent and highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. It's the plant for everybody to grow in quantity. It was lately shown at the National Horticultural Society's exhibition at Paris, and, at Ghent, a plant with 50 flower spikes received well-merited awards. 30c. each. *Extra large, by express, 60c.*

German Iris.

GERMAN IRIS.

Another good old flower, as handsome as an orchid, now to be found in many new colors. A striking flower of crepe-like texture and most exquiste coloring, the gauzy veining reminding one of the delicate tracings of the butterfly's wing. We grow acres of Iris, and know you can find no finer list of varieties than the one here presented. They bloom in May and June, when there is a dearth of really fine flowers, and are out of bloom before Iris Kæmpferi commences.

Fine Mixed Sorts—A lovely collection of all colors. 6 for 40c., 12 for 75c.

Named Sorts—A collection of 10 sorts, named, for 75c.

Tritoma.

A plant of tropical luxuriance. A large specimen is very beautiful with its many long, narrow, recurved leaves which are crowned in midsummer and autumn with long spikes of fiery, tubular flowers borne high above the foliage on stiff, ramrod-like stalks. At a little distance the close heads of flaming orange and red flowers are very striking, and have earned the plant its common name of "Red-Hot Poker." We have seen them bloom well into November and December. It blooms until the ground freezes up. Frost does not kill foliage or bloom.

Coroilnianum—New, with narrow graceful foliage and showing a dozen spikes of bloom at once. Dwarf and compact, bright salmon scarlet.

Pitzere—Of dwarf habit, large compact scarlet spikes of bloom.

Grandiflora—Very tall and stately; deep scarlet tipped yellow. *20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; $1.50 per dozen.*

THYRSACANTHUS.

Thyrsacanthus Rutilans.

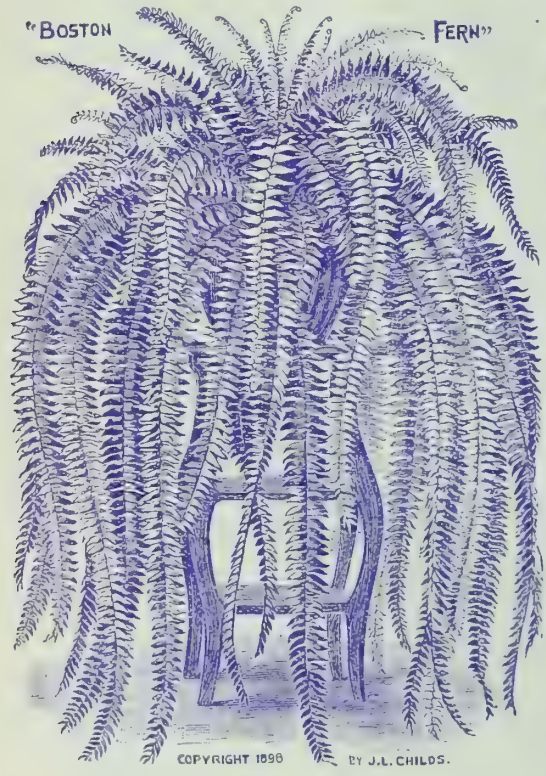
Of all the plants that bloom in winter and spring, the most graceful and beautiful and best adapted for indoor decoration, is Thyrsacanthus. As a table plant its tubular blooms on long (20 inch) thread-like branches, show to great advantage. Considering its easy growth and the length of time it lasts in bloom, it is just one of those plants that should have a place in every collection. Its racemes are over 20 inches in length, all garnished with flowers of the brightest carmine. It is a good plant in every meaning of the word. *20c. each; extra large, by express, 30c.*

Goose Flower.

This remarkable flower was color plated and described in THE MAYFLOWER of last November. It is a vine bearing flowers which are the size and shape of a goose. In fact, the entire length of blossoms, including the tail, is over four feet. The largest flower known, and the most curious and beautiful. Fine plants, $1.00 each.

The Golden Fern.

This Fern is as rare as it is beautiful. The under side of its magnificent fronds are golden yellow as though covered with gold dust. The effect is charming and it is a good free grower as a rare plant for window culture. Fine plants, 50c. each.



The Boston Fern.

Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the reach of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful drooping fronds, varying in length from 2 to 5 feet, and always of a fresh, healthy and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c. *Extra large plants, by express, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.* Seed, 15c. per pkt.

Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

It will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal this in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil and in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming Swanflower.

Pure White—Large, milky white; exquisite.
Deep Red—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.

Price, 20c. each; the two for 30c.

2 Extraordinary New Carnations.

These two fine Carnations are seedlings of our own, and have been under test for three years, during which time we have had opportunity to thoroughly test their value as compared with other fine new varieties. We can unhesitatingly say that they possess merits which fairly put them at the head of the list. For winter blooming in pots they excel all others. Flowers gigantic in size, perfect in form, borne on long stems, very fragrant, and of such substance that they outlast others. Plant healthy and vigorous, of sturdy, compact and robust habit, and blooms persistently all the time.

Big Pink—Enormous size and the finest shade of pink yet produced. Superb large petals and a large round bloom of the most perfect points and greatest beauty. Long stems, solid calyx, bright, lively pink color.

Big Crimson—Deep crimson, dark, rich and velvety; in all other respects like Big Pink.

Price, 20 cents each; the 2 for 35 cents; 3 of each for $1.00.

Queen Lily.

A fine new plant with a bulb somewhat like a small Tuberose. The foliage is exceedingly beautiful and of tropical appearance, leaves being large and paddle-shaped. The flowers are borne on a strong scape which rises from the center of the plant and are in the form of a cockade. Colors exceedingly delicate, white and pink with orange center. A beautiful and novel pot plant. Blooms in August and Sept. 15c. each.

New Geranium, Empress.

A seedling of our own raising, and a Geranium which has no superior. Flowers enormous in size, borne in great clusters, durable, and produced in profusion throughout the year. Color a most lovely soft pink with large white shadings on upper petals and small veins. A grand good novelty offered now for the first time. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

CHOICE ACHIMENES

Achimenes.

A most beautiful flowering bulb for pot culture, and requiring much the same treatment as Begonias and Gloxinias. They are very easily grown, and produce a wonderful profusion of flowers all summer, some varieties blooming even up to Christmas. Colors, white, crimson, blue, rose, heliotrope, etc. Many of the sorts have highly ornamental foliage, as fine as the best Coleus. We have some 25 different named sorts, including some of the finer varieties of Tydaes, a bulb near akin to the Achimenes. These bulbs should be potted as soon as received, but we shall book orders and not send the bulbs until planting time. Fine Mixed Bulbs of Achimenes and Tydaes, 80c. per dozen, 6 for 50c.

Heliotrope Picciola.

A dwarf, large flowering variety. Plant robust, with fine, healthy foliage, but a dwarf, compact grower, making it particularly desirable as a pot plant. Flowers, which are of a fine violet blue color with large white center, are of enormous size and borne in immense panicles. In bloom all the time; exceedingly fragrant. Fine plants, 20c. each.

BUTTERFLY LILY.

Butterfly Lily.

This magnificent East Indian plant is one of the most desirable acquisitions to a collection of flowers imaginable. While the cut gives an excellent idea of the general appearance of the plant, it conveys but a slight idea of the chaste beauty of the large, snow-white and exquisitely fragrant (like a Jasmine) flowers looking almost like a bevy of large, white butterflies hovering over the plant. The roots may be wintered in a dormant condition (in the soil) if stored in a warm, dry situation; or if kept moist and warm enough the plant will flower the whole year round. Fine roots, 20c. each.

HELIOTROPE PICCIOLA.

3 Great New Chrys'ms.

COLD STANDARD.—Truly a giant among Chrysanthemums. With us it produces flowers 10 to 12 inches across on stems 6 feet long. The flowers are double to the very center, flat, with incurving petals, the outer petals being long, grading down shorter and shorter toward the center. Color, finest golden yellow. Perhaps the most beautiful, and certainly the largest, variety.

TASMANIA.—A new sort, producing a great big double flower, which is a maroon purple freely variegated with white. Sometimes just one-half of the blossom will be white and the rest maroon, or nearly all white or maroon, but generally the variegations will be about as shown in the cut—maroon with great patches or blotches of pure white. There is nothing like it and it will be the chief attraction in any collection, especally at shows.

MAUDIE KLEIN, or White Maud Dean.—A sport from Maud Dean, which originated with us and is exactly like that queenly pink variety, except in color, which is pure white. The large, beautifully shaped, double blossoms are truly exquisite. No white variety can surpass it.

Price of above new sorts, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

Chrysanthemums at 10c. each.

Beautiful, profuse, easily grown, and a superb pot plant for room decoration. No other flower need hope to compete with it in the season. Some dealers offer confusing lists of hundreds of varieties, but we have reduced our lists to the cream of all sorts, any one of which might grace a queen's palace. Our advice is to give them rich food and plenty of water, and if the large blooms of the Exhibition are coveted, keep them in pots always, shifting them as they require, pinching back until robust and bushy, then to disbud, leaving but one blossom out of each cluster to develop.

JAPANESE.

This is the leading and most popular class Many different shapes and forms, of all colors.

Cullingfordii—Still the standard of what a fine dark, Chrysanthemum should be. Very rich dark crimson.

Comet—A large, flat flower, double to the center, seven inches across, petals whorled, quilled and twisted in the most beautiful manner. Color, pure white.

Golden Wedding—One of the very finest of all yellow varieties. Flowers enormous in size, incurved, solid and globular. Finest and brightest yellow.

Helen Bloodgood—A striking variety, unquestionably the most meritorious and true pink. Globular in shape.

Glory of the Pacific—Magnificent large pink. Extra early and extra fine.

Yellow Monarch—Enormous size, exceedingly early and rich golden yellow.

Ivory—A grand variety. A smooth-textured ivory-white flower of large size and perfect globular form.

John Shrimpton—Deep velvety crimson, gold color on reverse side of petals. Large and extra fine.

Leopard Improved—Most beautiful and distinct. The color is a peculiar but beautiful carmine-purple thickly dotted with white. A great improvement on the old Leopard.

Mayflower—Flowers six inches across, perfectly double to the center. Petals long and wavy and beautifully and deeply lascinated; color pale whitish-lavender, slightly shaded with yellow toward the center. Unlike any other.

OSTRICH PLUME.

These are the unique hairy or "Esau" varieties which are so odd, beautiful and popular.

Cold Dust—Soft plumy flower of rich golden color. Best hairy yellow.

Mrs. Higginbotham—Elegant large blossoms of a soft downy pink. Petals broad and plush-like.

Mrs. W. J. Godfrey—Improved Alpheus Hardy. Pure snow-white, large and double, and very hairy; best white sort.

POMPON CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Small flowers as double as little roses and borne in great masses. By all odds this is one of the most charming of all Chrysanthemums, and everyone should have a few.

Black Douglas—Color so deep as to be almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as if sprinkled with gold dust.

Princess Meletia—Beautiful for cutting or wearing. A lovely, long stemmed, fringed flower; delicate blush white.

Val d'Or—The finest of all yellow flowered Pompons. Blooms in clusters. Beautiful shape and rich color.

White Bedder—Pure snow white, in great masses.

Price of all the above, 10c. each.

New Chrysanthemums.

From the large list of new 'Mums we select the following as being the most remarkable, distinct and beautiful. They are really marvels in their way. Among them we have a beautiful large striped variety, (Uncle Sam). Good Gracious is really a monster, the largest variety grown. As a companion to the exquisite Philadelphia we have the lovely pink Wm. Simpson, and in P. Manda we have a most fascinating combination of canary yellow and pure white.

Philadelphia—The sensation among Chrysanthemums. Took 15 first prizes last year, never failing to win in any exhibition in America or Europe. Flower of enormous size, as round as a ball, pure white with a delicate shadowy tinge of lemon, giving the flower a peculiar translucent effect. It is the grandest variety in cultivation, its peculiar beauty being utterly indescribable.

Wm. Simpson—The best pink and largest flower of its color. Exhibited for the first time last year and created a sensation. As fine as Philadelphia. Flowers have been grown that measure 11 inches across. Early and a fine robust grower. Color, a most exquisite shade of pink, of indescribable loveliness.

Norma Dee Childs—A beautiful Chinese; enormous flower, seven inches across, perfectly double to the center; petals wide, and color snow-white. Unquestionably the best pure white Chrysanthemum known.

P. Manda—A superb large flower opening flat and double to the very center. Petals beautifully curved. The center petals are fine canary yellow while those outside are pure white combining these two delicate and exquisite colors in one flower. In this respect it is unlike any other variety and a gem of the first water. No collection complete without it.

Uncle Sam—A fine large flower with long wavy petals of a rosy lilac color, striped and bordered with white It is the finest and most distinctly striped variety in cultivation, and a decided acquisition.

Good Gracious—Probably the very largest flower of any Chrysanthemum. As large as a man's hat and double to the very center. Petals quilled and irregular. Color a delicate shade of peach pink; perfectly grand.

Yellow Good Gracious—A sport from the above, with fine pure yellow flowers.

White Good Gracious—Another sport, bearing a pure white flower.

Price, 15c. each; the 8 for $1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—*for only $2.50 we will send one plant each of the 25 sorts offered on this page, the 3 on page 22 and one Everbloomer, (see cover.)*

CHOICE CHRYSANTHEMUM SEED.

Chrysanthemums are very easily grown from seed, and flower abundantly the first season. It is no trouble at all to grow them and they are sure to flower beautifully in October and November from spring sown seed. Every plant raised will produce a flower of a different color and character, no two will ever be alike, and among them there will be many exceptionally beautiful and valuable new varieties.

Extra Hybrids, Mixed—Saved only from the finest named sorts, carefully hand fertilized. 25 seeds, 25c.

Fine Lilies.

The brush cannot paint, or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. We feel sure that if our readers could see a good collection of from 20 to 40 different sorts in bloom they would never rest until they had a goodly number of their own. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow at Floral Park about five acres of Lilies and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap

Grand Speciosum Lilies.

The Speciosums are the hardiest, most robust and free-flowering of all Lilies, not omitting the old Tiger Lily; while in beauty they are second to none. The magnificence of their blossoms cannot be described. Having a large stock we are prepared to offer them very low and trust that our customers will profit by it.

Rubrum—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson, and mottled white; perfectly exquisite. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.

Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Praecox—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the tip of petals. The plush-like fringe in each petal adds to its beauty. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Monstrosum Album—Broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty in a cluster. Pure snow white. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 7 for 75c.

Opal—We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and if possible, more richly colored. Like the opal, for which it is named, the eye drinks in its lovely tints with delight. To say that it is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet, is to convey but a slight idea of its perfect loveliness. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal, which is blotched with a raised moss-like fringe which glistens like diamonds. The flower is very large. 50c. each; 3 for $1.25.

One each of the above 5 sorts for $1.00.

Speciosum Henryi—This is the new yellow. Very tall in growth, with large orange yellow blossoms. $1.00 each.

10 Beautiful Lilies Cheap.

Our enormous stocks of home-grown Lilies enable us to offer the following fine varieties remarkably cheap. It is a great opportunity for a good collection at small cost.

Auratum—(THE GOLDEN BANDED LILY OF JAPAN.) We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. $1.00 per dozen.

Superbum—Three to six feet high; flowers from five to forty, nodding, brilliant orange red; blooms in July.

Elegans Bicolor—Truly magnificent, being Tulip-shaped, and bloom in June. The blossoms are large and exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red flamed with yellow.

Longiflorum—White, trumpet formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later and hardy.

Pardalinum—Rich scarlet and yellow, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction.

Speciosum Rubrum—(LANCIFOLIUM.) Large wide flowers, recurving more or less at the tips. Among the showiest of all Lilies and perhaps the most robust and the most radiantly beautiful. Very fragrant and hardy. Lovely rose and white spotted crimson.

Tigrinum, fl. pl.—(DOUBLE TIGER LILY.) This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 6 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double bright orange-red flowers spotted with black.

Tigrinum Splendens—Improved Tiger Lily.

Umbellatum—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flowers. Colors range from black-red through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts, mixed. Per dozen, $1.00.

Wallacei—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 10 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 3 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms of a delicate bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort. 60c. per dozen.

Price, 10c. each; 6 for 50c.; the 10 for 85c. All home-grown.

Rare Lilies.

Auratum Macranthum—This grand variety of L. Auratum produces bulbs of great size which throw up a growth of remarkable strength and vigor. The flowers are pure ivory white, with a golden band through each petal, and numerous golden yellow spots. 75c. each.

Auratum Rubro Vittatum—Flowers of enormous size, pure snow white, thickly spotted with crimson, and with a wide dark blood-red band through the center of each petal. Its great beauty is a marvel to all. 75c. each.

Auratum Wittei—Lovely pure white with golden band but without spots. 75c. each.

One each of these 3 rare Auratums for $2.00.

Brownii—A grand Lily but very rare. The large, wax-like flowers are chocolate-purple on the outside, snowy-white inside. Stamens a rich chocolate-brown. Blossoms large and trumpet-shaped. 50c. each.

Longiflorum Variegatum—The leaves of this variety are most beautifully variegated white and green making a plant of great beauty. Sold a few years ago at $5.00 each. 75c. each.

Krameri—A rare Japanese Lily closely allied to Auratum. Growth slender, flowers very large, Auratum shaped and of the most superb tint of color, being a delicate, rosy pink, so soft, delicate and exquisite as to be utterly indescribable. No Lily superior to this. 25c. each.

Batemanniæ—Pure apricot color without spots. A much prized Japanese variety. It is a near relative to the rare and beautiful Leichtlini. 20c. each.

Lilium Tenuifolium—The lovely Coral Lily of Siberia. A little beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a shining coral red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting, and make such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early. Having grown an enormous stock of this exquisite Lily we are prepared to offer it at the extremely low price of 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 5 for 50c., 12 for $1.00.

Rare Amaryllis, Crinums and Kindred Bulbs.

These are all members of the beautiful Amaryllis tribe. A royal family of bulbs, with large umbels of magnificent lily-like flowers of largest size and richest coloring. Besides the pure white, pale flesh and soft pink shades, are many intense and brilliant shades of crimson, scarlet, orange and vermilion, either self-color or boldly striped with white, green or red. Can be kept in pots the year round or planted out in open ground during summer. While growing give them all the sun and moisture possible; but while at rest give very little water or none at all.

CRINUM ORNATUM.

Crinum Ornatum—This is the king of the Amaryllis tribe: it produces a large round bulb, which grows to weigh as much as ten pounds. It can be treated as a pot plant, or grown in the garden as a summer flowering bulb. It is of the easiest culture and sure to succeed with everyone. Its flowers are large, and, like a most beautiful Lily borne in immense clusters at the top of the stout scapes. Color, soft, delicate blush with a scarlet bar through the center of each petal and very sweet scented. 50c. each.

Crinum Moorei—Much like the above, except its flowers are more beautifully formed and of a clear pearly-white color with a beautiful pink stripe through each petal. Grand and beautiful and of exquisite fragrance. $1 each.

Amaryllis Aulica Platipetala—Large, vigorous grower. Bulbs and flowers of enormous size; color, deep blood crimson shaded black. A grand variety. 50c. each.

Amaryllis Empress of India—A famous European variety which usually sells at $10 each. Color deep scarlet, banded orange shaded to white. Enormous size. $2 each.

Amaryllis J. L. Childs—Outside petals grayish white, inside bright pink, striped and suffused with pure white. Flowers very large and produce freely at all times of the year. A most exquisitely beautiful flower. $1.50 each.

Amaryllis Johnsonii—A grand old sort, always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red striped white. 25 cents.

Amaryllis Formosissima—There is hardly a flower which has such a deep, rich, velvety crimson color, a color so intensely brilliant as this. It is a free bloomer and succeeds well either in pots or in the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting. Few flowers can equal it in richness and beauty of color, and it generally blooms within a month after planting. 10 cents.

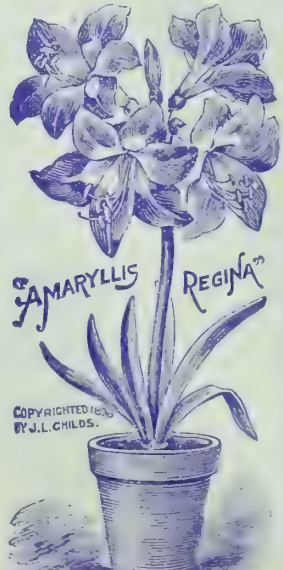
Amaryllis Hybrid Seedlings—Extra fine, and cover a wide range of fine colors. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

New Hardy Spider Lily.

This grand new Spider Lily has the advantage of being perfectly hardy, and when left undisturbed a few years forms large imposing clumps that are a mass of clustered heads of pure white fragrant flowers. The flowers have a peculiar and striking beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are borne in large clusters are of waxy whiteness and unsurpassed fragrance. More beautiful than most of the high-priced Lilies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Also a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each. 3 for 50c.

Ismene Calathena.

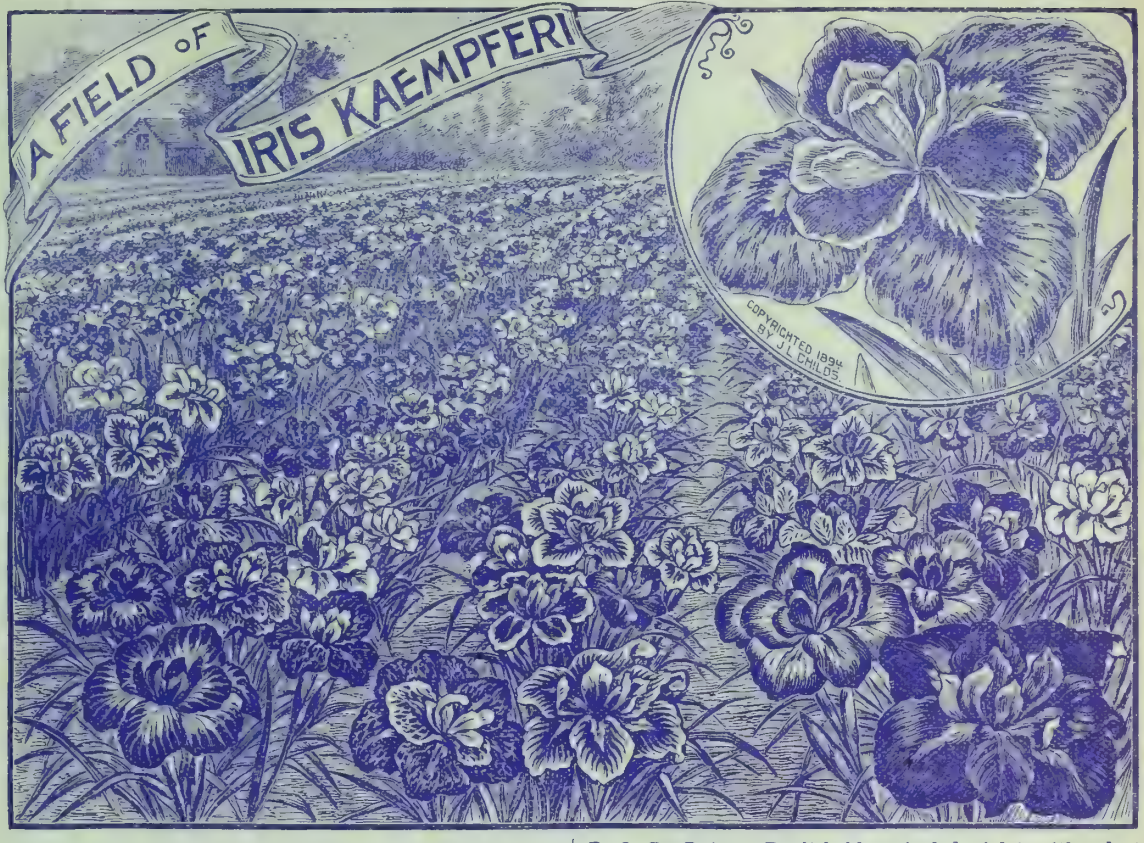
Those who are familiar with the true Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, novel form, and of snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. It is one of the most strikingly beautiful of all garden flowers. 20c. each.



Amaryllis Regina.

The queenly beauty of this superb Amaryllis has given it the name of Regina (Queen) Amaryllis or Queen Lily. That it is a fine winter bloomer also adds much to its merits. Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large, beautiful wide-open or spreading shape. Color soft light scarlet with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flower makes this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. For winter blooming this is one of the real gems, ranking in beauty and value with Lilium Harrisi, Sacred Lily, or in fact any of the well-known favorites. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only $5.00 we will send one fine Bulb each of these 11 grand Amaryllis species. At regular rates they would cost $6.80.*



Double Iris Kæmpferi.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Pæony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in the size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight or ten inches across and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, blush, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new Double Iris Kæmpferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a lifetime without further care, blooming profusely in June and July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden or lawn can contain. We have about one hundred fine named varieties recently imported from Japan, among the best of which are the following. These Iris received highest award at the World's Fair.

Blue Jay--Dwarf habit, large flower; fine azure blue freely veined and mottled white. Extra fine.
Eclair—Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.
Mahogany—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.
Cold Bound—Tall and showy with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white, with large gold-banded center.
Hannibal—Light blue freely veined deep blue. Yellow center.
Blue Danube—Extra fine luminous blue, with peacock luster and yellow eye. Very large and showy.
Zenobia—Rich purple mottled with gray.
Mr. Fell—Grayish white, finely veined celestial blue with blue and yellow center.
Mt. Hood—Light blue shaded darker. Bright orange center.
Pyramid—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.
P. C. De Rohan—Puplish blue, shaded violet, with red at center. Fine large flower.
Robert Craig—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.
St. Ogg—Puplish blue, shaded indigo; yellow markings.
Victor—Fine porcelain blue, veined.

SINGLE VARIETIES.

We offer ten rarely beautiful single varieties from Japan. They are exquisite.

Blue Bird—Clear dark blue.
Como—Reddish amaranth, with large white center.
Exquisite—Fine porcelain blue.
Shadow—Enormous wavy petals, dark indigo blue with peacock luster and golden center. Grand.
Snowbound—Large pure white, with golden bands.
Granite—Grayish white, overlaid fine blue.
Souvenir—Lovely rose pink, with satin gloss and delicate blue veins.
Violet Cap—Pure white, veined and suffused dark blue.
Neptune Reddish gray, freely veined.
Quakeress—Light lavender, tinged rose.

PRICE *of above Double and Single varieties: Strong roots by mail, postpaid, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each. Extra large, strong clumps, by express, 30c. each; 5 for $1.00.*

Double Mixed—All varieties, 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00. Extra large clumps, by express, double price.
Single Mixed varieties, same price.

FIVE ELEGANT NEW SORTS.

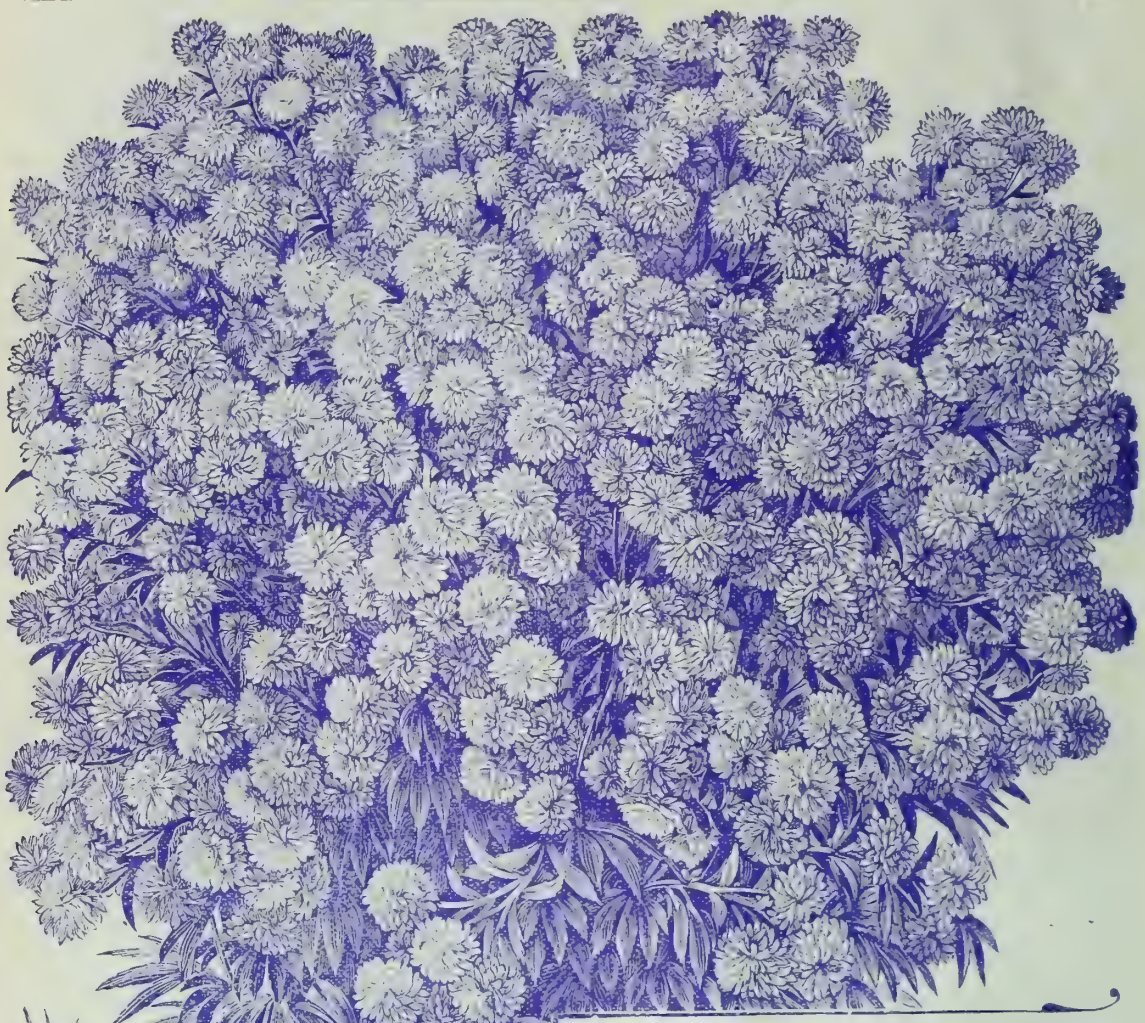
These five new Iris Kæmpferi are grand.

Mrs. C. T. Saxton—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.
Senator Lexow—Enormous flower like Shadow, but much larger; great wavy petals a foot across. Indigo blue.
Spotted Beauty—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet crimson.
Little Pink—A lovely variety (single) not quite so large as some others, but of a fine blush pink color. Very distinct.
Gigantea—Extra large size, same as Lexow, with beautiful wavy petals; blue with purplish red tinge, yellow center and white veins. Extra fine single sort.

Price, 25c. each; the 5 for $1.00.

IRIS SEED.

We can supply fine seed of these beautiful Iris Kaempferi, mixed, at 10c. per pkt.



RUDBECKIA

"CHILDS' GOLDEN GLOW"

Rudbeckia Laciniata, fl. pl., "Golden Glow."

Offered for the first time last year. A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems, exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color and as large as Cactus Dahlias. The cut represents a plant in bloom, as photographed. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it: "When I saw the double-flowering form of Rudbeckia Laciniata in bloom in your grounds at Floral Park, in summer fast year, I was amazed, for notwithstanding my long and intimate acquaintance with plants I had never before seen a double-flowered Rudbeckia; and I was delighted with the fulness and gorgeousness of the blossoms and their clear, bright yellow color. You gave me a plant last spring and it was set out in good garden ground. It grow vigorously and threw up strong branching flower stems six feet high, laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant graceful appearance, without any of the stiffness in habit or blossom peculiar to sunflowers. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it here, and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. In fine, I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials since we got Clematis Paniculata. "It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation.

Strong plants, which will bloom freely this season, 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.00; 25 for $2.00.

Grand Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for lawn and yard ornaments and these here offered are the best.

Althea—A fine tall growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, whithout fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or for grouping upon the lawn. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs. No flowering tree or large shrub can excel it.

Calycanthus Florida—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pine apple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of them will perfume a whole room. Can not be omitted from any lawn or garden.

Fern Leaf Tree—A beautiful tree of a low shrubby growth making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely laciniated and graceful, often two feet in length by 10 inches in width. Color very dark green while the stems are dark ebony red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest shrubs in cultivation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the lawn it is grand.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer—A perpetual bloomer and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of a dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely pink color, borne in dense clusters and have a peculiar feathery appearance which is extremely beautiful.

Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

Sweet Pea Shrub—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When it is in bloom it is really but a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but its color is more beautiful. The amount of bloom which one of these little shrubs will carry is astonishing, and the sight presented is one of remarkable beauty. Blooms profusely.

Syringa, Double—A double flowered form of the lovely old fragrant Syringa. Blossoms Snow-white, double like roses, very fragrant and borne in profusion.

PRICE: *Any of the above Shrubs 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 7 for $1.00; or $1.50; per dozen. Extra large specimens by express (too large to mail), 30c. each; the 7 for $1.50.*

12 DIFFERENT SHRUBS FOR $1.00.

We have in stock 20 to 30 different varieties of Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs, all very fine, from which we will make a selection of 12 for $1.00. Either by mail or express.

RARE HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

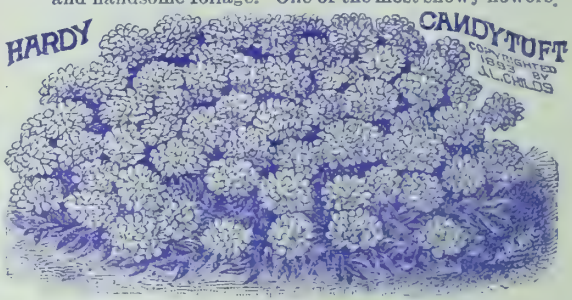
Achillea Grandiflora—A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double, white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost, as many as 5,000 flowers having been counted upon the plant at one time. Flowers pure white, perfectly double, and are produced in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer.

Anemone, Whirlwind—A variety of the beautiful old A. Japonica, but with large, semi-double blossoms of a snow-white color. It possesses a beauty and airy grace which is seen in but few flowers, and its great profusion of bloom at the end of summer and during fall, when pure white flowers are scarce, makes it very valuable—in fact one of the finest novelties of the year.

Calystegia Pubescens—A fine double perennial Morning Glory. Variously called Rose Vine, Double Morning Glory, California Roses, etc. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as roses. Just the vine for rockeries, banks, poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places, where a really handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines will will bloom the first season and wreathed in a profusion of large, double Rose-like blossoms are very attractive.

Perennial Poppy—If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silken texture and foil-like heart or innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised and handsome foliage. One of the most showy flowers.

Mosquito Catcher Plant—This pretty plant, Vincetoxicum, comes from Japan. It grows one to two feet high and all summer bears a profusion of pretty, white, star-like blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes and sometimes other insects as well. Alas for the poor mosquito! No struggling on his part can ever free him after he has once dipped his beak in the forbidden sweets, though he may tug and plunge and buzz for a day or two after. A single spray of bloom will capture a dozen mosquitos.



Candytuft, Hardy—A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth and producing its profusion of bloom in May or June when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage ever green.

Lychnis Chal. fl. pl.—This is one of the most showy of hardy plants. It bears large heads of brilliant scarlet blossoms which are as double as roses. It is a very rare plant, and few of our customers have ever seen it, but all would surely want it if they know its great beauty.

Price of these fine Hardy Perennial plants, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c, or the 7 for $1,00. Any sort at $1.50 per dozen.

12 HARDY PERENNIALS FOR $1.00.

We have a very large collection of the choicest Hardy Perennials and will send 12 different sorts for only $1.00.

New Perennial Phloxes.

Those who remember the thin petaled white and the dull-hued purple Perennial Phlox of old fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flower. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine, and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

Athels—Beautiful rosy scarlet tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.
Snow Cloud—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.
Charlotte Saisson—White, suffused with pink, deepening towards the center to bright vermilion.
Lasoliel—Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 1½ inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter towards the center.
Diplomat—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.
Eclaire—Deep, bright purplish-crimson. Extra large.
Master Clarence Hulse—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.
Master Sylvester Hulse—Beautiful lilac-rose.
Miss Hattie Hulse—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.
Master Morty Hulse—Beautiful rose lilac, marbled with white; flowers large and of beautiful form.
Pluton—Deep wine red; splendid. New.
Mad. Reudatier—Fine lilac, bordered and flaked white.
Panama—Bright, soft rosy scarlet; large and fine.

Phlox Subulata—One of the finest of low, turfy-growing plants, fine for carpeting under trees, around rock-work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy and once planted will take care of itself.

Price of all Phloxes, 15c. each; 5 for 50c. or the 14 for $1.25. $1.00 per dozen.

Clematis Davidiana.

(Bush Clematis.)

This is a lovely species of Clematis, growing in bush form three or four feet high and yielding through the summer great panicles of lovely blue flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and very fragrant. The foliage is large and luxuriant and the plant is, all in all, one of exceptional beauty. It is perfectly hardy in any locality, and blooms profusely when only a foot high. This lovely Bush Clematis will be a rare attraction in any garden or border, and we have such a very large stock of strong healthy plants that we can offer it at the extremely low price of 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Daphne Cneorum.

This is not a vine, but a lovely hardy shrub which trails over the ground in a most beautiful manner. Extra fine for any position and being evergreen it is the most desirable plant we know for cemeteries. The plant is composed of spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and more or less during the entire summer and fall. The delicate beauty of the blossoms is great, but their fragrance is marvelous. Hardly a flower known possesses such a powerful fragrance. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rare Tropical Fruits—for Pot Culture.

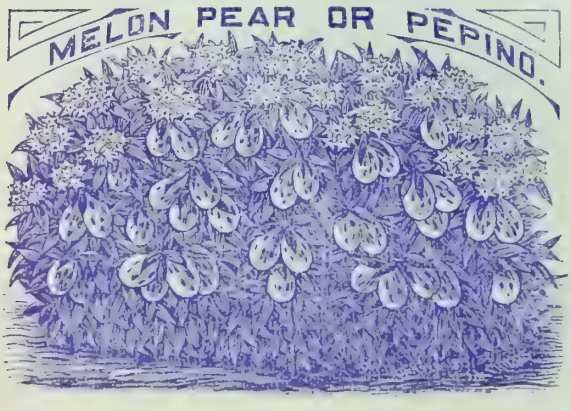
These make the most novel and interesting pot or tub plants, and are the easiest of all plants to grow. Many are handsome in foliage, in blossoms, and all showy, interesting and luscious in fruit. The most of them fruit the greater part of the year. Growing these beautiful and rare fruits in pots open up a new field in plant culture which is rich in interest and pleasure. Our friends will be delighted with them.

Otaheite Orange.

MOST UNIQUE POT PLANT IN CULTIVATION.

An extra fine pot plant with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate, leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribable, exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; extra large, by express, 40c.



Pine Apple.

A picturesque plant. Always a center of attraction in conservatory or window. Fruits when but a year old, and the handsome conical fruit is very delicate, and finely flavored and highly fragrant. Not at all hard to grow, if kept in a warm place. It will be a success if grown in a window where ordinary plants do well. Really one of the most desirable plants. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Melon Pear, or Pepino.

A rapid-growing, dark-leaved plant, blooming when quite small. The fruit is the size and shape of a goose egg, and very handsome; in color a pale lemon mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes somewhat like a banana, but is much sweeter and juicier. Very ornamental when in flower and fruit. An elegant pot plant; also fine for the garden. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only $1.50 we will send one each of the 7 fine Tropical Fruits offered on this and the following page.

Figs.

A most popular and easily kept tub plant that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer and winter safely in the cellar. Good growers, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the Middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here on Long Island they are hardy outdoors if protected during winter. Nothing is more luscious than Figs fresh from the tree, especially when eaten with cream, like Strawberries.

Brown Turkey—Large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicate flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year-old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine figs this season. Best Fig for pots. 30c. each. *Extra large, by express, 50c. each.*

The Strawberry Guava.

A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles Camellia leaves, and handsome fruit nearly the size of a walnut, and of a fine strawberry-like flavor. The fruit makes the finest and most nutritious jelly that there is and blooms and fruits continuously the year around. It must be considered as useful as ornamental. A very heavy bearer, and the fruit is very handsome. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Banana Orinoco.

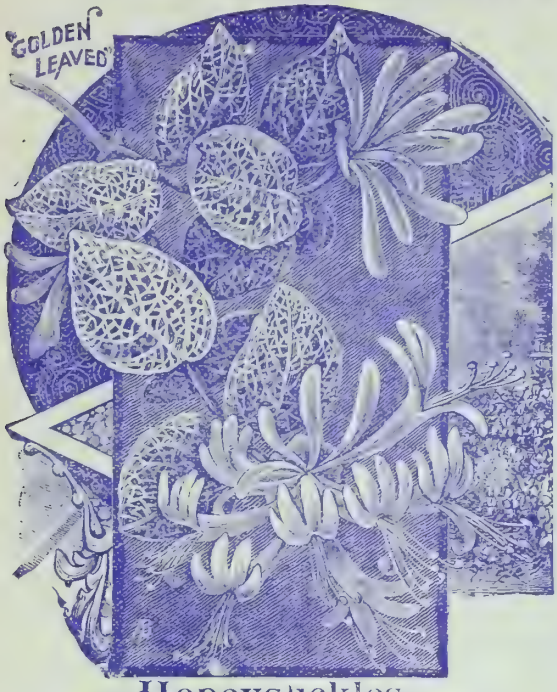
This is a superb plant both in foliage and fruit. One of the finest Bananas for pot culture, and fruits splendidly. The leaves are borne in a palm-like crown or cluster, each leaf three to five feet long, and two feet broad; of a clear, shining green, curved and crinkled in the most pleasing manner. This is even finer than Musa Ensette as a decorative plant. The most beautiful foliage plant that can be grown outside of a hothouse. Grand for bedding out in summer, or for conservatory or warm window decoration. Can be kept unwatered in a warm cellar over winter, if there is no room for it in the window.

30c. each; 3 for 75c. Extra large by express, 50c. each.

Downy Myrtle.

A very handsome small evergreen shrub, from Northern India, bearing beautiful pink five-petaled flowers, resembling in size a large Rose or Cosmos. The flowers appear in such wonderful profusion that the leaves of the plant are almost completely hidden, and the branches weighted to the ground. The flowers are followed by fruits about the size of a gooseberry, red in color and of an agreeable sweetish taste; fine for jam, etc. It should be grown in every Southern garden for its fruit, and at the North as an elegant pot-shrub. Price of fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 50c.

BEAUTIFUL HARDY FLOWERING VINES.



Honeysuckles.

The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief standby.

Fuchsia Flowered—Large clusters of long, trumpet-shaped flowers that droop like a Fuchsia, brilliant coral red.

Golden Leaved—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays and there is nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest things we know of. Blossoms pure white.

Halliana—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest-scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. A fine vine for a trellis, or veranda.

15c. each; the 3 for 40c.; $1.50 per dozen.

Wistaria.

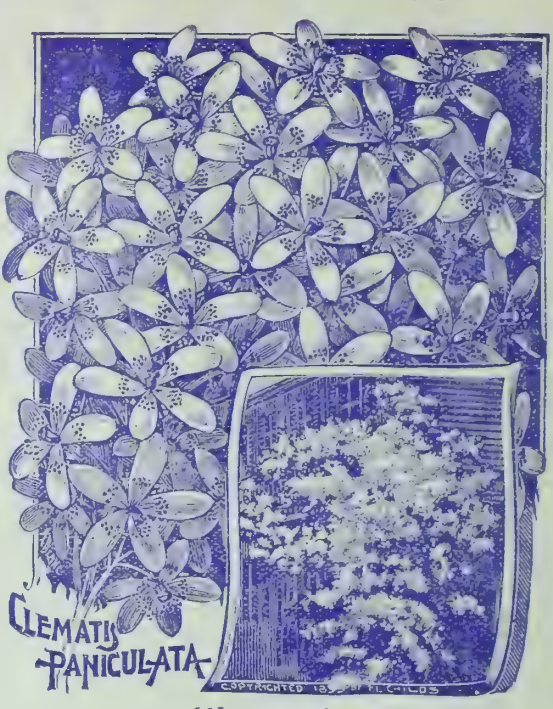
A favorite vine that will grow twenty-five feet in a single season. Just the thing for second-story verandas, or as a tree climber, or to train against a high wall. In early spring is covered with great massive clusters of lovely pea-shaped flowers.

Alba—A mass of white flowers in spring, the clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. 75c. each.

Sinensis Magnifica—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers, produced in great masses. 20c. each;

Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. Nothing else can take its place. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.



Clematis.

The finest vine it existence for small trellises, or piazza pillars. Used also to cover rock work, mound, stumps, etc., or can be used as a low trailer, pegging its shoots down to the ground. Foliage neat, habit graceful, and for a month a solid sheet of bloom, the large starry flowers actually hiding the foliage. The flowers are from 4 to 9 inches across, extremely showy. All of these are perfectly hardy, and are the finest varieties.

Ramona—A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing ten feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both in the old and the new wood, giving an abundance of blossoms all through the season. In color a very deep sky-blue, lovely and distinct from any other. In size the flowers surpass anything we have ever seen. Perfectly hardy and very vigorous; new and grand. 80c.

Henryi—This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, but is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white. 60c.

Jackmanni—This is perhaps the best known of the fine perpetual Clematis, and should have credit for the great popularity now attending this family of beautiful climbers. The plant is free in its form of growth, and an abundant and successful bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large, and of an intense violet purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 50c.

Paniculata—We cannot well say too much in praise of this vine. A clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itself with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the pretty star-like florets, with their feathery stamens appearing to fine advantage contrasted with the large and more vivid flowers of the early autumn garden. Perfectly hardy; grows rapidly. Fine vines, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00.

Coccinea—A graceful festooning vine of graceful appearance. Bears a profusion of shining coral-scarlet buds and flowers all summer. Blossoms bell-shaped, very bright and beautiful. Fine for decorating. 20c.

Crispa—Something like Coccinea, but more broadly bell shaped, and their color a fine blue, tipped with white. Very neat foliage. 20c. each, 3 for 50c.

One each of the above 6 fine Clematis, $2.00.

ROSES AT TEN CENTS EACH.

To meet competition in cheap Roses we have reduced the price of our superior high grade stock to ten cents each. Of course, small weak plants can be grown at a profit at ten cents; but our strong, healthy, well-rooted stock is worth more; however in offering our plants at that price we have the consolation of knowing that our loss will be our customers' gain.

The Rose is the emblem of beauty and true worth; the Rose-bud of innocence and purity. At all times and in all places the Rose has ever been the acknowledged Queen of Flowers. The maiden of two thousand years ago adorned herself with chaplets and garlands of Roses as does the maiden of to-day. The use of Roses is now more universal than ever. We cannot get along without Roses for pillars and hedges and bedding. They are indispensable for vases, or for fine cut flower work, while no other flower is as popular for wearing or table decoration. Every family ought to grow them in abundance, for never in the history of the world have Roses been as low in price as now, and never as beautiful. The Rose has been brought to such a state of perfection as regards size, shape and color of flower, that it seems impossible for further improvement.

The secret of having good Roses is to begin with good, healthy plants, and not weak, sickly things, or those with stunted growth. The growth of many Roses is stunted before they are sent out, by leaving them too long in the cutting bed or in small pots, hence the weak growth and poor blossoms which follow. We furnish strong, vigorous, well-rooted Roses, ready to grow and bloom at once, and it is for this reason more than any other that our plants produce such an unusual large amount of the finest flowers. We have revised our list of varieties over and over again, until we know that these here offered are the very cream of more than a thousand known kinds. We do not believe that the list could possibly be improved. It embraces many recent novelties, as well as all the fine old sorts of tried and true merit.

Our complete system of mailing Roses and other plants in strong wooden boxes, insures their carrying to the remotest parts of the Union in perfect order.

Tea, or Everblooming Roses.

The most popular for bedding. Blooms when very small, and if well cared for flowers continuously the whole season. Tea Roses are of great substance, with remarkably long, handsome buds and shell petaled flowers of most exquisite soft shades and distinct tea-like fragrance. Largely grown in pots for winter blooming. Give winter protection by banking with earth, or covering with evergreen boughs.

Bridesmaid—A lovely new Rose of large size and perfect form. Exquisite soft sea-shell pink with a satin lustre.
Catherine Mermet—The perfection of form while the color is exquisite bright pink, with shadings of paler pink.
Duchesse de Brabrant—Exceedingly robust and fragrant and one of the freest of all in bloom. The color is a delicate and peculiar shade of rose, richly shaded.
Etoile de Lyon—One of the best outdoor Roses grown and the hardiest of all the yellow varieties. A free bloomer, flower large, of a rich creamy yellow, and finely cupped.
Gen. Robert E. Lee—Enormous bloomer; exquisite buds borne on long graceful stems. When fully open it is perfectly double to the center. Beautiful soft yellow.
Golden Gate—A magnificent Rose with large, full, finely formed flowers; buds long and beautiful. Color, rich creamy white tinged with golden yellow and clear rose.
Hermosa—Long a favorite and will be a hundred years from now. Unusually hardy, and bears great quantities of medium sized, shell-like flowers of the loveliest pink.
Marion Dingee—A beautifully cupped flower of exquisite beauty, and a most profuse bloomer. Deep crimson.
Madame de Watteville—Often called the Tulip Rose. One of the best fancy Roses, an indescribable blending of cream and carmine, each shell-like petal outlined with bright pink. Its distinct fragrance is very pleasing.
Marie Guilliot—One of the finest outdoor White Roses. Very free, perfect and beautiful.
Marshal Neil—The finest known yellow Rose, but a rank grower and requires lots of room. Fine for greenhouses.
Niphetos—The grandest of all white indoor Roses, particularly free blooming during the winter. Long, pointed, snowy-white buds that no other Rose can equal.
Papa Gontier—Fine for either garden or house. Large flowers of great substance and very fragrant. Color, a rich, dark carmine. A glorious Rose.
Perle des Jardins—Almost an exact counterpart of the famous Marshal Neil Rose, but very robust and of dwarf growth. Fine either for pots or open ground.
Queen's Scarlet—An extra good Rose. Always in bloom, and the color an unusual one among everbloomers, being a dark rich satiny crimson. No better dark Rose.
Rainbow—A charming new Rose, showing several different colors in the same flower.
Snowflake—A new white Rose, with lovely waxen blooms.
Sunset—A rich golden amber, or old gold, elegantly tinged and shaded with ruddy copper. Flowers and buds are extra large, full, finely formed and deliciously perfumed.
The Queen—This superb Rose has beautiful pointed buds and distinct fragrance; pure snowy white in color.
The Bride—An exquisitely lovely Rose, and very popular. Beautiful foliage, and perfect double flowers of the very largest size, and of the most snowy whiteness.

Hybrid Perpetual.

Hybrid Perpetuals ought to be very extensively grown by all. The flowers are of very great size and beauty, produced in great profusion in spring, and to a considerable extent all summer. Their tall, erect habit fits them for ornamental hedges, center of large Rose beds, or clumps of shrubbery. They furnish us with deep, rich, glowering colors, to be found in no other section of the family, and their flowers are also very much larger, while beautifully cupped and imbricated. They are the finest of all Roses for vases. Perfectly hardy in the open ground in all localities.

Anna de Diesbach—A superb flower of immense size Rich, dazzling crimson.
Coquette des Blanches—Very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters. Snowy white.
Coquette des Alps—Fine snowy white, large and full.
General Jacqueminot—Large velvety flowers of the most intense maroon-scarlet, each set in a cluster of rich green leaves. Blooms repeatedly through the summer and fall and is the most popular Rose grown; without exception.
Paul Neyron—Immense double flowers, of a shining carmine-pink. The largest Rose known; perfectly grand.
Dinsmore—Always in bloom, with large, finely imbricated flowers of a rich bright crimson. Extra fine as specimen Rose upon the lawn.
Francis Levet—Extra fine Rose of large size and clear bright rose color. Very rich and fragrant.
Glorie Lyonaise—This is the nearest approach to a yellow in this class. A pale shade of salmon yellow with deeper center, changing to creamy white.
Prince Camille de Rohan—Plenty of name and plenty of Rose. Flowers crimson-black, very large and velvety.
Marshal P. Wilder—Bright cherry-carmine. Great size and perfectly double. Superb.

Hybrid Teas.

These combine the best qualities of both the Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, of which they are a cross, giving us the fine coloring and large size of the Hybrid Perpetuals with the everblooming character of the Teas. This section is also much hardier than the average Tea, and while of a fine, erect habit are much dwarfer than the Hybrid Perpetuals, makings them extra fine for specimen plants upon the lawn, or as center plants for beds of Tea Roses. Splendid for pots.

Pink La France—Pale peach with silvery sheen. Grand.
White La France—Pure snow white. A glorious flower.
Meteor—Shows the peculiar velvety richness of the best dark Hybrid Perpetuals, and blooms as freely as any Tea. Very double and perfect; a rich, glowing crimson, never tinged with magenta or dull purple in hot weather as are some dark Roses. A grand bedding Rose.
Kaiser Augusta Victoria—Large pointed bulbs, full double flower, of a delicate creamy white color. Grand.
Mad. Abel Chatenay—Lovely rose carmine, large and robust grower.

Polyanthus Roses.

These are the "Baby" or "Fairy" Roses, wee little rosettes of bloom, sometimes less than an inch across, but borne in large panicles at the end of every shoot. We have counted 120 flowers in one cluster of Mignonette and other varieties are not far behind. Fine for pot culture. Compact, bushy, always in bloom. Hardy in open ground, and blooms from May to December.

Mignonette—Tiny pale pink flowers. Very pretty and borne in immense clusters.
Parquette—Large clusters of wee white blossoms, which are perfectly lovely.
Mad. Cecil Brunner—Salmon on yellow ground; dwarf habit, but vigorous.
Glorie de Polyanthus—Bright pink rayed with red. Beautifully cupped blossoms in great profusion.
George Pernet—A strong growing dwarf variety forming a perfect round bush. It is continually in bloom, the flowers being large bright rose with touches of yellow.

Climbing Roses.

Their beautiful foliage and profusion of bloom make them invaluable for small trellises, old walls, arbors, sides of buildings, trees, etc. Perfectly hardy anywhere, and and rank, thrifty growers, reaching twenty feet or more.

Anna Maria—Light pink changing to blush.
Baltimore Belle—Literally a sheet of fragrant, pale-blush blooming in early summer. Over 4,000 buds and blossoms have been counted on a single vine at one time.
Tennessee Belle—Large, full flowers of rosy blush.
Seven Sisters—Large clusters of Roses shaded from white to crimson, no two alike in cluster. Very odd and fine.
Queen of the Prairie—A distinct Rose, with deeply sunken center, making a cup-shaped Rose of much beauty.

New Roses of Special Merit.

The following new Roses are the most unique, valuable, distinct and beautiful varieties which have been offered for many years. Each one is a new departure, and no lover of rare Roses can be without them.

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

This is the Rose for Everybody, the Best and Freest Bloomer for Winter or Summer.

Champion Bloomer. It commences to bloom as soon as potted from the propagating bench and continues in the greatest profusion all the time, SUMMER and WINTER. One plant of it will produce more flowers during the year than ten plants of any Tea Rose. It is always in full bloom. Plants which have bloomed all summer in the garden may be potted in the autumn, and they will immediately start new growth and bloom profusely all winter in any window. Returned to the garden in the spring, they will again bloom all summer without intermission. It is never without flowers.

Champion in Hardiness. Though a perpetual bloomer, it is as hardy and robust as an oak, standing the severe winters of Vermont, where it originated, in the open ground without the slightest protection, and commencing its season of bloom earlier than any other sort. For a hardy garden Rose it is as valuable as it is for pots.

Champion in Vigor. It is the most healthy and vigorous Rose in cultivation, for its handsome rank foliage has never been known to mildew under any condition, indoors or out. It is ABSOLUTELY MILDEW PROOF.

Champion in Fragrance. It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June.

Champion in Form and Color. Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few roses can equal, being a rich, deep, rosy pink, darker and richer than Hermosa, and a shade the delicate richness of which is seldom seen. Its size is very large for an everbloomer, often as large and fine as La France, or the best hybrid perpetuals.

In General. This remarkable Rose, a cross between Hermosa and Magna Charta, originated several years ago in Vermont. The originator says: "I have tested nearly every rose in cultivation and there is not a rose grown that will produce, after the usual June bloom, even a respectable percentage of the blooms that this will; and no rose of any name or kind that will stand the winter in the open ground better than the above.

Strong, well-rooted plants, 20c. each; three for 50c.; seven for $1.00; fifteen for $2.00.

CRIMSON RAMBLER.

The 3 Ramblers.

The crimson, white and yellow Ramblers are Roses of great value and beauty. They are hardy and rapid growing climbers, producing flowers in enormous profusion.

Crimson Rambler—This new Rose is the sensation of the hour, and well it may be, for it is indeed a marvel. It originated in Scotland, and is a hardy everblooming, climbing Polyanthus. It is perfectly hardy in the open ground, will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, is in bloom all the time from early spring to late fall the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood colored velvet. The flowers when cut last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, as a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window. It is always in bloom, even when very small, and is easily trimmed to a bushy grower. Being the introducer in this country, we have the largest and finest stock of this superb rose.

White Rambler—This does not materially differ from the above except in color of its blossoms. Buds of a pinkish tinge, opening pure white. Borne in large clusters, and a free bloomer all summer. Perfectly hardy.

Yellow Rambler—A new hardy yellow climbing rose, blooming after the same manner as Crimson Rambler in large clusters; flowers of medium size often 35 to 40 flowers in a single cluster; very sweet scented. Color a clear decided yellow, a color heretofore unknown in a hardy climbing rose. It is a rampant grower, well established plant, often making a growth of from ten to twelve feet in a single season. The flowers are very lasting, keeping in perfect condition three to four weeks without fading. A strong plant in full bloom makes one of the finest pillar or porch plants imaginable.

Price, 20c.; each; the 3 for 50c. 12 plants, 4 of each, for $1.50.

Childs' Jewel.

The Rose of Many Colors. Flowers of Various Colors Borne on the Same Plant at the Same Time.

The most remarkable Rose in cultivation, as well as the most novel and beautiful one. Childs' Jewel produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled, etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow, others light yellow, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc.; while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner. As may well be imagined, the sight which such a plant in bloom presents is a novel and beautiful one. It is a pure Tea rose, the flower being large, delightfully fragrant, and in both bud and blossom exquisitely beautiful. It is a free grower and a profuse bloomer, especially in the open ground. As a Rose novelty this is the most remarkable ever introduced, and as may well be imagined creates a sensation whenever seen, and sells readily at two and three dollars each when in bloom. Strong, healthy plants for blooming at once,

25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Moss Roses.

20c. each; the 5 for 80c.

The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the blossom to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location, and should be found in every garden.

Blanche Moreau—Called perpetual, as it blooms more or less all the season. Pure white.
Princess Adelaide—Lovely bright pink.
Countess Murinais—Large pure white.
Henry Martin—Fine clear rose.
W. N. Cranston—New; bright crimson-scarlet.

New Rose White Perle des Jardins.

All know the great beauty and value of Perle des Jardins. One of the very finest yellow everblooming, excelled only by Marshal Neil; but all do not know that there is a pure white variety of it, a genuine sport from Perle des Jardins. It is exactly like that superb sort in every respect except color, which is a pure snow white. One cannot imagine a more lovely rose. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Three Grand Soupert Roses.

There is hardly a Rose in cultivation which can begin to compare with Clotilde Soupert in beauty and great blooming qualities. That we can now offer two new varieties of this superb Rose—a yellow and pink—is most satisfactory. These Roses are perfectly hardy in the open ground, and bear all summer long great quantities of large, beautiful flowers, all of which are perfectly double to the very center. In form and color no Rose can equal it. Either as a pot or garden Rose the Souperts are par excellence.

Clotilde Soupert—As large as an ordinary Tea Rose, and exceedingly lovely. Fine for outdoor, and by many florists considered the very finest pot Rose. Flowers borne in large panicles, each floret double and rosette-like. Color, a pearly-white with exquisite center of tinted salmon-peach. A more lovely or exquisitely colored Rose never bloomed.

Yellow Soupert—A valuable new sort with flower equally as large as Clotilde Soupert; very double, of fine Camellia shape when fully open. Color beautiful light yellow shading to white at edge of petals, plant dwarf, bushy and very free flowering in clusters, three to five flowers in a cluster.

Pink Soupert—A sport from Clotilde Soupert, and differs from it only in color, this being a beautiful bright pink, and contrasts finely with the older variety. There is hardly a Rose in cultivation which will bloom so freely and produce such beautiful double blossoms as these superb varieties.

Price, 15c. each; the 3 for 40c.

15 Grand New Roses for $1.50.

For only $1.50 we will send the following 15 Grand New Roses. At regular rates they would cost over $3.00.

- **1 Climbing Meteor.** See page 39.
- **1 Climbing Bride.** See page 39.
- **3 Ramblers,** the 3 different colors. See page 36.
- **1 Champion of the World.** See page 36.
- **1 Childs' Jewel.** See page 37.
- **1 White Perle.** See page 37.
- **3 Souperts,** the 3 colors. See page 38.
- **1 Empress of China.** See page 38.
- **1 Mary Washington.** See page 38.
- **1 Highland Mary.** See cover.
- **1 Halloween.** See cover.

These make a grand collection, and at $1.50 for the 15 they are certainly cheap enough.

Mary Washington.

THE TRUE HARDY EVERBLOOMING ROSE.

This Rose was raised by George Washington over one hundred years ago in his garden at Mt. Vernon, and named after his mother. We introduced it a few years ago, our stock plants coming direct from Mt. Vernon from the original vines Aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is one of the most valuable sorts that has been introduced for many years. A hardy, perpetual blooming climber has long been needed. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double to the center, sweet, and borne in endless numbers all summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and a most valuable Rose for outdoor culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea Roses, borne in large clusters. One plant of the Mary Washington will produce more flowers than a dozen Tea Roses. Its fragrance is tinged with the old-fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. It will commence blooming immediately after planting, and the smallest plant will produce hundreds and even thousans of flowers the first year. Our stock is genuine. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Empress of China—(*Red Washington.*) A new free flowering climbing Rose of Chinese origin. The plant is a strong healthy grower, making a fine specimen in a very short time, and produces its flowers in the greatest profusion. Hardy and a perpetual bloomer like Mary Washington. Color, soft red, changing to light pink when fully open. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Trailing or Memorial Rose

(*Wichuriana.*)

New and very distinct; of rapid and perfectly prostrate or trailing habit of growth. The foliage is of a deep glossy green color and very dense. The flowers are produced in clusters in great profusion from the beginning of July right through the summer. Pure white, about two inches across, the anthers are a perfect golden. For planting on mounds ledges, embankments, or for covering masses of rock, it certainly has no equal. 15c. each; 2 for 25c

CLIMBING METEOR.

Climbing Meteor.

This Rose, which we recently introduced, might properly be called a Perpetual Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot. Though a sport from that finest of all Hybrid Teas, Meteor, it is much larger and of a deeper, richer color, equalled only by the peerless Jacqueminot, but will produce twenty blossoms to Jacqueminot's one. It is a Rose which will make 10 to 15 feet of growth in a season and show a profusion of bloom every day. Foliage strong, healthy and luxuriant. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. Much deeper and richer than Meteor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the finest Rose in existence for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with its glorious blossoms all the time. For winter blooming it has few equals in beauty and probably none in profusion. Just the Rose to train up in a conservatory or bay-window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage every day, summer or winter. Price of large, strong, well-rooted, healthy plants, for abundant blooming at once 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Climbing Bride.

Superb new Rose offered now for the first time, and a fine companion for Climbing Meteor. It flowers freely at all times of the year, its blossoms being of large size, beautiful shape and pure snow-white in color. It is like Marshal Neil in growth, but stronger and more free in blooming. Flowers larger than Bride and possess more substance. It is almost as hardy as a Hybrid Perpetual, and is safe in the open ground south of New York. It makes a most magnificent pillar Rose, especially when grown with Climbing Meteor. As a pot Rose for window or conservatory it has no superior. It is far ahead of the celebrated Climbing Marie Guillot in every respect. 40c. each; 2 for 60c.

One each of above two Grand Roses for 50c.

OUR TEN CENT HORTICULTURAL BOOKS.

We publish several valuable books on Horticulture, which we supply at 10 cents each. They are so cheap that all our customers CAN afford to have them, and so valuable that all SHOULD have them.

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We publish a beautiful album of half-tone photographic pictures of Floral Park, showing the beautiful lawns, flower beds, summer-houses, fountains, buildings of various kinds, greenhouses, seed-stores, residences, MAYFLOWER printing office, etc. It also contains a fine portrait of Mr. John Lewis Childs. This album of Floral Park views is gotten up to accommodate those of our friends and customers who have asked for something of the sort and is offered at cost price. The album also contains several press notes on the beauties of Floral Park, and several pages of poems, called "Gems from THE MAYFLOWER." They are a selection of the most beautiful poems (all original) which have appeared in THE MAYFLOWER during the last eight years. Price of Album by mail, postpaid, 10 cents.

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A NEW BOOK BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

This charming book contains 80 pages, and is the most comprehensive and valuable work on planting, laying out and keeping in proper order the lawn and garden, and everything pertaining thereto. It is worth almost its weight in gold. It should be in the hands of all who love gardening. Price, 10 cents.

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A charming little illustrated book on the Chrysanthemum, giving all needed information in regard to its culture in the house, garden or conservatory. It tells all about propagating, insect enemies, growing from seed, etc. Eleven chapters. Price, 10 cents.

INSECTS.

This valuable book tells all about insects of every kind which infest house and greenhouse plants, garden vegetables and flowers, shrubs, trees and field crops, moths, ants, flies and other insects which infest our homes. In every case it gives the best known means of destroying them, many of the remedies being new and little known. This book is worth its weight in gold. Price, only 10 cents per copy.

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This is a unique and complete treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needful information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated, and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. Price, 10 cents.

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Special Collections.

12	Gladiolus, mixed, 1st size	See page 4	$ 30
12	" 2nd "	" " 4	15
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5	" Childsi, named	" " 5	25
25	" Lemoinei "	" " 5	75
10	" Fine named sort	" " 6	20
15	" Grand " "	" " 7	50
5	New Callas, 5 sorts	See colored plate	1 50
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3	New Plums "	" " 141	60
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7	Cosmos " "	" " 56	50
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14	Nasturtiums "	" " 62	50
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8	Verbenas " "	" " 71	60
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7	Hollyhocks " "	" " 84	40
10	Beets " "	" " 88	50
15	Cabbages " "	" " 91	75
11	Cucumbers " "	" " 93	75
13	Lettuce " "	" " 97	60
8	Musk Melon " "	" " 98	40
14	Water Melon " "	" " 99	75
9	Onions " "	" " 100	1 00
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10	Squashes " "	" " 105	75
11	Tomatoes " "	" " 103	50

5 New Plants for 60c.

These 5 fine Novelties would cost at regular rates $1.20, but having a large stock we make this special offer for 60c.

1	Calla, Dwarf Everblooming	See Colored Plate.
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1	Rose, Climbing Meteor	" " 39.
1	Dwarf Justicia	" " 19.
1	Boston Fern	" " 20.

5 New Bulbs for 60c.

At regular rates these would cost $1.45.

1	Canna Italia	See Colored Plate.
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1	Amaryllis Regina	" " 26.
1	Gladiolus Childsi Fedora	" " 5.
1	Phrynium Variegatum	" " 18.

5 New Fruits for 60c.

These are all very fine, and would cost at regular rates $1.10.

1	Balloon Berry	See page 131.
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1	Climbing Raspberry	" " 132.
1	Tree Blackberry	" " 135.
1	Hybrid Berry	" " 136.

The above 3 Collections worth $3.75, for only $1.50.

SPECIALTIES IN CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price, yet at a great profit. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produce I cheaply, sold cheaply, and are, in fact, cheap in every sense of the word; and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They cannot possibly be anything else. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our customers the ordinary commercial grades of seed. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties—only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequaled mark of perfection, has made our seeds known the world over as the finest to be had. We sell only select stocks of special varieties.'

For the best summer display the garden is dependent upon that class of flowers known as Annuals, which are grown from seed sown every spring. There are thousands of varieties of them, some good, some indifferent, but the great majority are poor, or in some respects unsatisfactory and not desirable for general cultivation. With a view to offering our customers only the very best varieties, those which cannot fail to produce good results in every part of the country we have for years carefully grown, tested and selected to ascertain what sorts possessed superior merits. The list here presented is the result of our labors. It contains the very best of all sorts and all which are really and generally desirable. We might offer one hundred varieties of Asters or fifty varieties of Balsams, Phloxes, Poppies, etc., but there would be no advantage in so doing. On the other hand it would be a decided disadvantage for our customers might therefore fail to select the best kinds.

CULTURE: As a rule annuals may be sown in the open ground about corn-planting time, or they may be started in the house or in hot-beds earlier and transplanted to the garden when danger of frost is over. A rather light and moderately rich soil, thoroughly spaded, is most desirable. Do not grow the plants too thick. Keep the weeds down and the surface of the soil well stirred with a hoe or rake during the summer, especially if the weather is dry. Pretty effects are produced by massing different colors in Asters, Phloxes, Zinnias, Verbenas, etc., yet mixed colors are always showy and pleasing.

New System OF SELLING SEEDS.

Each Variety Packed in Two Sizes, One at 5c. and One at 10c. (or in some cases 10c. and 20c.) per pkt.

To meet a popular demand we offer our Choicest Flower Seeds at a uniform price in packets of two sizes. Of most varieties a 5 and 10 cent packet is offered, the 10c. packet containing three times as much seed as the 5c. size. Those so choice and rare that a satisfactory quantity cannot be given for 5c. are sold at 10c. and 20c. The **quantity** of seed in these packets is liberal, while the **quality** is the very best, and substantially the same in both sizes. If we happen to have a small quantity only of some extraordinary good strain, it, of course, goes into the 10c. or 20c. packets, but this is exceptional. Our seeds lead the world in high quality and now that they can be had in 5c. and 10c. packets no one need sow poor grades.

Ageratum.

One of the most useful and profuse-blooming plants known. Its very name, "Ageratum," meaning ever-young, refers to its ever being in bloom and to the long time each flower remains in beauty. A single head of Ageratum will remain fresh and perfect for a month in the open air, and from six weeks to three months in the window or greenhouse where not exposed to storm and wind. Not even the Petunia will give a greater quantity of bloom or last longer in flower. This makes the Ageratum almost indispensable either in the house or garden. The new dwarf varieties are very bushy and compact in habit, and exactly suited for edging, carpet-bedding, etc. Give light, rich soil. No trouble whatever to grow. Per pkt.

Little Gem—A beautiful border variety. A sheet of delicate blue flowers the whole season, and very compact in growth.....5 & 10

Little Dorrit—Much like the above, but *white* flowered; best of its color.....5 & 10

Lasseauxi—Compact plant with charming rose colored flowers. An unusual shade.....5 & 10

Canary—Compact in habit, light canary yellow in color. A very novel shade in these flowers.....5 & 10

Anchusa Capensis.

A rare and little-known annual of great beauty. It is a life-long favorite with everyone that grows it. It grows two feet high, and will thrive in a shady, out-of-the-way place where scarcely anything else will grow. It resembles a large, beautiful Forget-me-not, though much finer in every respect, especially for bouquets and cut flowers. Color, a most lovely shade of deep, clear, brilliant blue, with a pure white center. Blooms early and continues all summer..5 & 10

ASTERS.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of most exquisite colors and almost perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like a Rose, some loose and globular like a Peony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height they are classified as tall, half-dwarf and dwarfs. The tall varieties are fine for the center of large beds and for cutting, as their flowers are borne on long stems; the dwarfs are particularly fine for borders or masses of one color, as they are so compact and bloom so profusely as to seem like so many bouquets set in the ground; the semi-dwarf are good for all purposes, and extra fine for pot culture.

It is a good plan to make two or more successive sowings, two weeks apart, to prolong the season of bloom; seeds can be sown in hot-bed or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in open ground. In hot, dry weather, mulch liberally with old manure or coarse litter, and do not let them suffer for water. Our list of varieties is a fine one. There is not a poor sort among them all. Per pkt.

New Rose—Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are full recurved, and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the rose. Mixed colors. A favorite sort.....10 & 20

New Rose, Pure White—Pure pearly white; exquisite for cutting or wearing.....10 & 20

New Rose, Dark Red—Very rich clear color.....10 & 20

New Rose, Blue—A beautiful shade of clear blue. The white, red and blue sorts are admirable for ribbon bedding, contrasting finely with each other.....10 & 20

Giant Comet—New Asters of great beauty. The plants are tall and of much vigor, while the flowers are of such extraordinary size that they may without contest be said to be the largest of any in existence. Flowers are formed of large twisted and curled petals and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemum. They must therefore take first place among Asters of unique beauty. Many colors mixed.10 & 20

Giant Comet, White—Immense size, snow white.....10 & 20

Giant Comet, Sulphur Yellow—Superb novelty.....10 & 20

Giant Comet, Rose—Lovely soft color.....10 & 20

Washington—Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors; extra fine. Mixed colors.10&20

Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered—Plants ten inches in height; perfect pyramids of bloom. Fine for edging, and especially valuable as a late bloomer. Mixed colors.5&10

Dwarf Bouquet—Very compact, but six to eight inches high, a mass of flowers from bottom to top. Mixed colors.5&10

Imbrique Pompon—Exquisite pompons of flowers, almost as round as a ball; medium height. Mixed colors....5 & 10

Giant Emperor—Tall grower and robust habit. Each stalk usually bears one very double flower of mammoth size. Showy. Mixed colors.....10 & 20

Harlequin—One of the most curiously marked flowers grown. Lovely pure white petals, irregularly interspersed with deep blue or bright red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color over the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Medium height. Very odd and very beautiful.....10 & 20

Ball of Jewel—This is a new and distinct class of Aster of recent introduction. It differs from all others in two respects. The petals are very *short*, forming a compact blossom which is as round as a ball.....10 & 20

Quilled German—Plants tall and branching; flowers beautifully quilled and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers. Mixed colors.....5 & 10

Snow Ball—A dwarf pure white variety with enormous flowers, beautifully imbricated, like an incurved Chrysanthemum. An exquisite variety.....10 & 20

Triumph—Plants bear a profusion of large, perfect flowers, of a bright scarlet color. An extra fine sort.....10 & 20

New Branching, Pure White—A strong grower of branching habit, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter, borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases or bunches. The petals are more or less twisted and curled in such a manner as to give the blooms the appearance of large graceful Chrysanthemums. The resemblance is perfect. Extra fine for cutting.....10 & 20

New Branching, Mixed Colors—Like the above but of several different colors.....10 & 20

Dwarf Victoria, Mixed Colors—Generally called the finest Aster grown. Equally good for bedding, pots or exhibition. Plants one foot in height, the foliage almost hidden by the great plumy flowers, three or four inches in diameter, of the most beautiful form, and the most exquisite colors to be found.....10 & 20

White Wave—An extra fine white variety. Blossoms of fine shape, double to the center and pearly white. A profuse bloomer; grand for bedding or for pots....10 & 20

Crimson Wave—Exactly like above, save color, which is a rich, clear crimson.....10 & 20

Lemon Gem—Not really a *yellow* Aster, but the nearest approach to that color. The flowers have a lovely, soft lemon shade that is very pleasing.....10 & 20

Multiflora—An Aster of medium height, with pretty and abundant flowers. Fine colors. Mixed shades.10 & 20

Mignon—Something like the White Victoria, but more profuse in bloom. Very double flowers with reflexed petals and of the purest, snowiest white.....5 & 10

Liliput-Flowered—Plant of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny button-like flowers as double as anything well can be. A charming sort.5 & 10

Truffaut's Peony-Flowered—A valuable and standard variety. The most perfect peony-type known. Tall growing, and bearing an enormous quantity of extra large double flowers, beautifully incurved and of every shade from pure white to glowing crimson. Twenty colors or more, mixed.....5 & 10

Reine des Halles—A French introduction of much merit. This Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering; *three weeks earlier than any other variety known.* Mixed colors.....5 & 10

Japanese—New Asters of great size and beauty, like Japanese Chrysanthemums. They are of immense size, measuring from five to six inches across, with long petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblance to the Chrysanthemum. It is a vigorous growing plant, fourteen or fifteen inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers.....10 & 20

Shakespeare—Dwarf variety, six inches in height. Novel shades of coloring, large globular flowers, and very floriferous. Mixed colors.....5 & 10

Victoria Needled—A favorite with those who are partial to quilled flowers. Flowers are formed of needle-like quills, large, freely produced, and show the fine coloring peculiar to the Victoria strains. Mixed colors.5 & 10

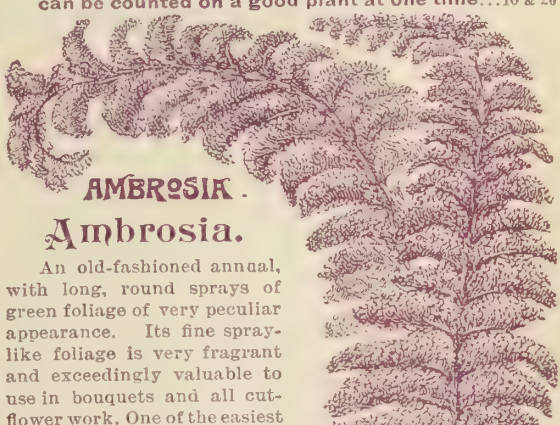
SPECIAL OFFER—*For $1.50 we will send one packet each of these 35 superb Asters.*

Alyssum.

A favorite little annual, because of its fragrance and abundance of bloom. As easy to grow as any weed, and blooms from early summer until severe freezing weather in fall. Sow seed *very* early in open ground. Dainty little plants for hanging baskets or small pots. Good for cutting and button-hole bouquets. Per pkt.

Sweet—Racemes of small cruciform white flowers, honey-scented, and never out of bloom..... 5 & 10

Little Gem—An improved variety; much larger flowers of a pure white, and, if possible, more floriferous than the old sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. **Three and four hundred spikes of flowers in full bloom can be counted on a good plant at one time**...10 & 20



Ambrosia.

An old-fashioned annual, with long, round sprays of green foliage of very peculiar appearance. Its fine spray-like foliage is very fragrant and exceedingly valuable to use in bouquets and all cut-flower work. One of the easiest of plants to grow, and its fragrance is most delicious and refreshing. This plant was well known years ago, but is now almost entirely out of cultivation, or was until we introduced it two years ago. Its long spiral sprays of foliage are very feathery and plume-like. Per pkt., 5 & 10

ARTEMISIA GRACILIS—Beautifully cut, feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch is covered with a thick growth of fine, feathery foliage, which is of the brightest emerald-green color. It is particularly adapted to cut-flower work, and all will find it useful and highly satisfactory.....5 & 10

ARGEMONE GRANDIFLORA—Flower of snowy whiteness, the center filled with golden stamens. Its shape is like that of a saucer, opening nearly flat, its immense size making it very conspicuous. Grows 18 inches high, and has beautiful foliage. Few garden flowers are so singularly striking as this. It will be a genuine delight.5 & 10

AMARANTHUS, Mixed Sorts—Are valuable on account of their very beautiful and often brilliantly colored foliage, sometimes surpassing the best Coleuses....5 & 10

ANTIRRHINUM, Tom Thumb—Mixed colors; finest of all Snap Dragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large, colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc.....5 & 10

BALSAM.

Balsam--Childs' Camellia Flowered Perfection.

For more than fifteen years Childs' Camellia-flowered Balsams have been a marvel to horticulture all over the world. The gigantic flowers, double and perfect like Camellias, and the wonderful profusion in which they are borne, has been a revelation to thousands who never before knew what really good Balsams were It is not an uncommon sight to see more than 500 of these magnificent large double blooms upon a plant at one time, the branches being perfect pyramids of bloom. The Balsam is one of the most beautiful and easiest grown of all garden annuals. Seed may be started under glass early or sown in the open ground about corn-planting time. A very rich soil is not necessary, but they like to have plenty of room, at least 18 inches apart each way. It is very hard to raise good Balsam seed for they are inclined to deteriorate rapidly, and very little good seed is sold. Do not devote time or room to uncertain strains Sow the genuine Childs' Camellia Flowered Perfection and thereby make sure of having the best. These Balsams make beautiful pot as well as garden plants. Per pkt.

White—Flowers pure snowy white, and very large, double and perfect. A great favorite .....5 & 10

Light Pink—An exquisite shade of soft pink like the rosy hue seen in sea shells. Very fine.....5 & 10

Pink—A superb sort; a clear deep color, beautiful buds and very double flowers.....5 & 10

Scarlet—Almost dazzling in brilliancy; a rich, glowing color that catches every eye.....5 & 10

Striped—A clear frosted white, flaked and striped with rosy purple or scarlet, like a Carnation.....5 & 10

Lavender—Flowers suffused with a soft shade of lavender; blossoms as double as Roses and of beautiful shape, resembling a fine Tea Rose bud.....5 & 10

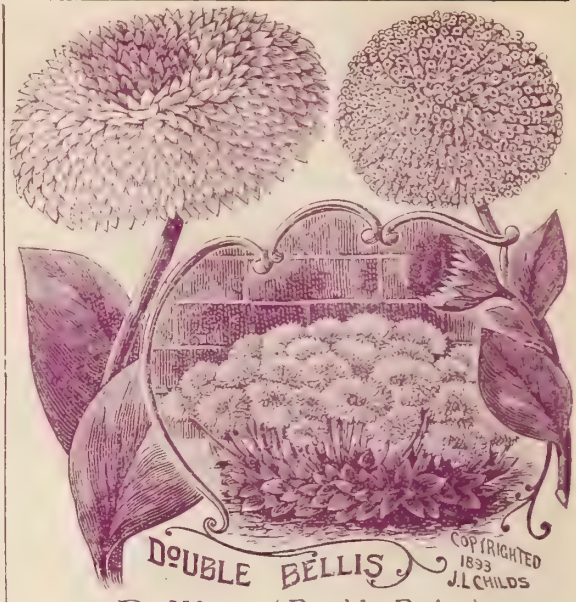
Fancy Spotted—Exceedingly showy. This strain shows rare and beautiful shades of coloring almost unknown in other flowers, and all spotted with pure white...5 & 10

Preferred—Pure white, overlaid by a delicate blush of lavender, that deepens toward the center of the flower, a line so delicate as to leave but a trace of color, yet so exquisitely soft and lovely that it seems perfection. Flowers of great substance and perfect shape, two inches across and as double as rosettes.....5 & 10

Light Lemon—Not really yellow, but a fine shade of light sulphur or lemon. This is an entirely new shade in this class of plants and is much admired. A very beautiful flower, as double and perfect as a Camellia and as large as a good-sized Rose.....5 & 10

Mixed Colors No finer mixture to be obtained....5 & 10

SPECIAL OFFER: *For only 40c. we will send one packet each of these ten fine Balsams.*



Bellis.—(*Double Daisy.*)

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms also very early from spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two or three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all summer, even in the south. As pot plants they are charming and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground, cultivate exactly as you would Pansies, and next to the Pansy, it is the most charming little garden flower. Per pkt.

Double, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose and variegated; very double.....5 & 10

Double, White—Pure color; handsome flower.....5 & 10

Quilled—A new strain; flowers composed of needle-like petals. Very curious and pretty. Mixed colors....5 & 10

Maxima, or Giant Daisy—No amount of praise can be too lavish for this new form of the charming little double Daisy which we all love so much and which, next to the Pansy, is our most cherished early spring flower. The flowers are from one to three times larger than the ordinary double Daisy, very perfect and double and of lovely colors, ranging from pure white through blush pink, rose, etc., to deep crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a cluster of 13 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. The plants are exceedingly strong and vigorous, of compact habit, with large healthy foliage, and throw up flower stems by the dozen. Not only do they bloom early in the spring, but continue all through the summer and fall, and also make splendid pot plants for winter blooming, flourishing in cool windows and rooms where few other plants will survive.....10 & 20

Brachycome.

A graceful Cineraria-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plants bloom quickly from seed and remain in bloom a long time. Plants only grow from six to eight inches high, and are fine for edgings, as their blossoms are profusely borne and are pretty and attractive; also a fine basket plant for the house. Colors, blue, white, pink, etc., mixed.....5 & 10

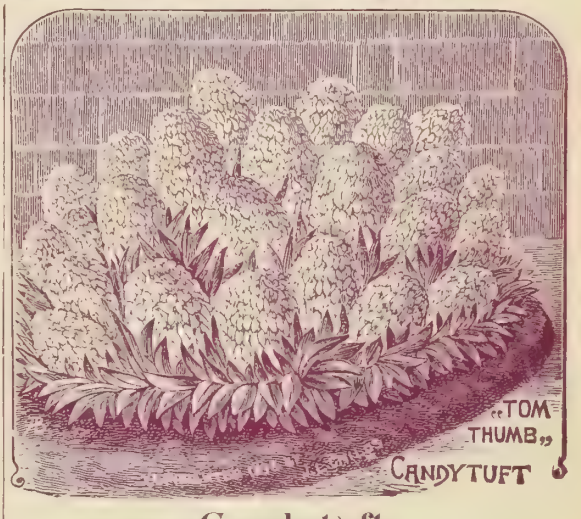
Carnation, New Marguerite.

A New Strain of Dwarf, Perpetual-Blooming Carnations, Which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.

This is still the great flower-seed novelty of the times, and here is offered the prize strain of seeds. While others have sold seed which produced poor and single flowers, ours has always given at least 90 per cent. of the choicest double blossoms. The plant is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover, it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easy everywhere, both in sandy soil or heavy loam and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations, which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations in flower from seed in about four months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation that it is the most important flower-seed novelty in many years. They are all alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite Carnation seed: it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—Half dwarf, the finest strain, with large double blossoms, blooming in three months.....5 & 10
Pure White—Extra fine.....5 & 10
Rosea—Fine clear rose color.....5 & 10
Scarlet—Deep bright shades.....5 & 10
Purple—A remarkable rich color.....5 & 10
Violet—Fine violet color.....5 & 10
Striped and Variegated—Many colors.....5 & 10
New Dwarf—Plants of dwarf, stout habit, and flowers extra large size and brilliant in colors. See cut above. A greatly improved strain. All colors mixed.....10 & 20
Malmaison The flowers are simply enormous in size, perfectly double, of a delicate blush color and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout with large luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation can compare with this variety. The packet which we give contains 40 or 50 seeds, all of which will not come true, but if only one plant of Malmaison is secured it is a prize well worth a dollar.....10 & 20

One packet each of the nine above offered for 50c.



Candytuft.

This good old annual has been a garden favorite for three hundred years. A fine edging plant, and good for cutting. The new Empress is extra fine for massing, or for ribbon gardening, as plants of it are solid sheets of white when in bloom. Sow *very early* in open ground, and keep seed heads picked off for a constant succession of bloom. The dwarf Tom Thumb is our favorite. Per pkt.

All Colors Mixed—Many fine shades.....5 & 10
Pure White—A favorite for floral work.....5 & 10
Dark Crimson—Good bright colors.....5 & 10
Tom Thumb—Mixed colors. The ideal Candytuft. Dwarf, bushy plants, growing only 4 to 5 inches high, but bearing most profusely compact spirals of bloom of great beauty. Superb.....5 & 10

Calliopsis.

The Calliopsis, or Coreopsis, is one of our brightest, cheeriest annuals, and as easy to grow as any weed. Sow in open ground quite early, and thin to six inches apart. Plants grow rapidly and are soon a mass of bloom. The myriads of gay flowers, poised on long foot stalks above the foliage, make a mass or bed of these a dazzling sight. The flowers are particularly fine for bouquets, and should be cut freely, as by this means the period of blooming is prolonged.

Per pkt.

Dwarf Compact—Mixed colors; fine low-growing plants producing thousands of blossoms in wavy masses..5 & 10

Golden Wave—A row of this plant is truly a wave of gold, and nothing but its brilliant yellow color can be seen, so numerous are the blossoms. It is of compact growth; flowers very large, exceedingly showy, and are produced in great masses all summer. A most showy plant, rivaling in beauty and profusion of bloom the famous Coreopsis Lanceolata.....5 & 10

New Double—This new double form of the old Coreopsis is a most desirable flower for garden culture, as it grows freely and blooms continually in any soil or situation. The flowers possess all the rich and varied colors of the single form, and are always greatly admired, being such a novelty. All colors mixed....5 & 10

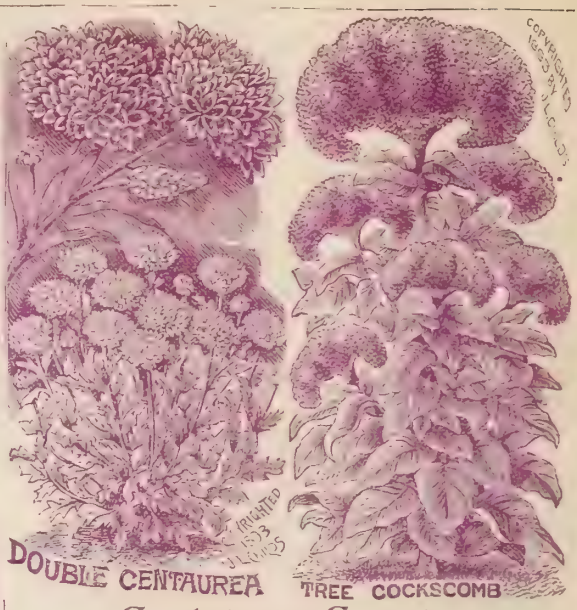
Calendula.

The name of this flower is derived from the fact that it will bloom every calendar month of the year. If seed is sown early in open ground plants will be in bloom by June, and will blossom continuously until after severe frosts of late autumn. It is also a good pot plant for winter, especially for cold rooms, and its large, double blooms are at all times welcome.

Mixed Colors—All fine and double.....5 & 10

Meteor—Petals beautifully marked with two distinct shades of yellow. Very double and beautiful.....5 & 10

Whirlpool—A superb flower; large, double and perfect to the center; rich, deep yellow. A fine plant for fall and winter blooming in pots, being of dwarf, robust habit, blooming all the time.....5 & 10



Centaurea Cyanus.

Two new varieties of this old favorite flower are here offered, and have become very popular as cut flowers, especially for corsage wearing.

Per pkt.

Victoria—The leading German novelty of two years ago and a most unique plant; forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which are borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. Grows about one foot high and begins to flower within 30 days after seed is sown..5 & 10

Double—A new double flowered form which comes pretty true. Remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors it shows, many of the flowers being striped or variegated. Fine for cutting or wearing; of the easiest possible culture. Two feet in height, branches freely, forming a compact bushy plant...5 & 10

Celosia.— (*Cockscomb.*)

The old Coxcomb of our mothers' gardens, but vastly improved of late years. Its huge combs from six inches to a foot across, are of the most fiery gorgeous colors, unlike anything else in the floral kingdom. Good specimens are very fine all the late summer and autumn, and our best parks make use of thousands of them for autumn bedding. Start in heat and transplant to open ground after danger of frost is over. As pot plants they are also much admired, their beautifully fringed and ruffled heads attracting much attention.

Dwarf Mixed—A fine mixture of all colors, of dwarf habit, but producing enormous heads of bloom. Elegant for pots.....5 & 10

Variegated—Tall growth, with combs beautifully striped and variegated, yellow and scarlet.....5 & 10

New Tree—This splendid sort is so hardy and vigorous that seed may be sown in open ground in the spring instead of starting it under glass. It grows rapidly, reaching the height of 5 or 6 feet, and branches freely producing several heads of enormous size, and dark, rich crimson in color. It is very effective and should be in every garden for not only is it the easiest to grow, but the most showy of all Cockscombs.....5 & 10

Cleome.—(*Spider Flower.*)

A garden flower of superior merit, one that will grow vigorously in any situation and bloom profusely all the time from spring to late fall, caring not for prolonged drouths or for continuously rainy weather. We know of no flower which will stand adverse circumstances so perfectly as this. The flowers are borne in large clusters, some are of snowy whiteness, others fine pink, with long, scraggy stamens which stand out in all directions suggesting its common name, "Spider Flower."

Mixed Colors.....5 & 10

New Marguerite Centaureas.

For an early summer garden flower nothing surpasses these superb new Centaureas. Each plant produces scores of flowers which are borne on long wiry stems, and are exceedingly graceful, while for cutting, for vases, or corsage wearing, no flower can surpass them. Flowers 2 to 3 inches across, of the most lovely texture and superb fragrance. Sow seed in open ground very early; the plants will soon be up and blooming and continue for several months. Their beauty and value may be judged when we say that they are superior in every way to Carnations, not only in beauty and usefulness for cutting, but in fragrance as well. They grow like a weed in any situation.

Per pkt.

Pure White—Perfectly exquisite.....10 & 20
Odorata Purple—Fine lilac contrasting finely.....10 & 20
Chameleon—Fine yellow.....10 & 20
Mixed, All Colors.....10 & 20

Commelina Sellowiana.

A lovely flowering "Wandering Jew" for the garden. Like the common "Wandering Jew" it is of trailing habit, producing each day large numbers of beautiful large blossoms of the most exquisite blue color. The flowers really look like blue butterflies. It is one of the finest of all blue flowering plants. Blooms in a very short time from seed.....10 & 20

Chrysanthemum.—(*Annual.*)

These bright, graceful flowers are yearly growing in favor. Plants grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of bloom, each flower being belted and zoned with the most clear and vivid of colors. This intenseness of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daises."

Carinatum Hybrids—Mixed, elegant colors..... 5 & 10
Carinatum Hybrids—Double, mixed colors.....5 & 10
Storm Petrel—This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, fern-like foliage, and dwarf growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors, until after hard frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are of pure white, very large and double. It bloomes early the first year from seed, and makes a fine plant for both summer and winter.10 & 20

Canna.

For fine flowering Cannas, see Canna Colored Plate in this Catalogue. Specialties and Novelties

Mixed Sorts—A choice collection of all varieties.5 & 10
Dark Foliage—Mixed; all dark, beautiful foliage sorts..... 5 & 10
Mad. Crozy—Magnificent sorts.10 & 20
Crozy's Dwarf Flowering—Mixed colors. These can be classed among the grandest of all flowering plants. They begin blooming very early from seed and continue all summer, making a display which for brilliancy cannot be surpassed.....10 & 20

Cherianthus, Fairy Queen.

This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stock and Wallflower. One of those bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, blooming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their little clusters of maltese-cross-shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of bloom, and for small bouquets, filling floral baskets, etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity. Bright, without being big, and cheerful without being gaudy. Very easy to grow, and sweet-scented.....5 & 10

Childs' Cosmos.

A grand fall flower, the only rival to the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum. Sow seed early in the spring, and plants will bloom from September to November. In the North give sheltered position, as severe frosts injure the flowers. Give light rich soil, and support each plant by tying to a stout, deeply driven stake, as the plants are top-heavy in bloom, and easily blown over. Each plant will reach a height of from 4 to 6 feet, and a more beautiful object is rarely seen. The feathery, dark green foliage forms a filmy setting for the hundreds of graceful, Daisy-like flowers that makes each plant like some huge bouquet. The pure white, soft pink, and deep crimson shades are exquisite, and for cutting or wearing they have no superior. Cuttings taken in August root freely and make fine pot plants for winter decoration, being dwarfer than in the open ground. An extra-fine flower for the South and Southwest. It was first introduced by us ten years ago.

Childs' Hybrids Mixed All colors mixed, white, pink, crimson, rose, purple, etc. ..... 5 & 10

Giant Fancy, Mixed Colors- A new giant flowered strain of marvelous size and beauty. The individual flowers measure 4, 5, and even 6 inches across, and as they are borne on long, graceful stems the effect is most charming. No description can do justice to the beauty of this new strain. All colors mixed, including some rich dark reds, not before seen. The enormous flowers are borne in great profusion and the plants begin blooming very early in the season. ..... 10 & 20

Monster White—Snowy-white flowers of most perfect form, with broad petals, some exquisitely fringed ..... 10 & 20

Monster Red—Enormous size, deep, rich, velvety crimson.... 10 & 20

Monster Pink Exquisite soft pink of peculiar loveliness..... 10 & 20

Tints of Dawn—New and distinct varieties. The flowers with a white ground, finely flecked or flushed with delicate pink: variously formed and very beautiful ..... 10 & 20

New Marguerite Mixed. One of the prettiest and daintiest varieties imaginable; the petals are deeply and irregularly lacinated or fringed like Marguerites..... 10 & 20

One packet each of the 7 sorts for 50c.

Dianthus.

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold and is as iron-clad as a plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus, if you would have the choicest flowers. Grows about one foot in height, branching freely, and is always strong and erect. Per pkt.

Diadematus, flora plena—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked, margined, etc., in a most odd and beautiful manner.....10 & 20

Double White—Finest for contrast .....5 & 10

Laciniatus—Finely fringed and lacinated flowers of large size; very double and perfect.....5 & 10

Eastern Queen—Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks.....5 & 10

Mourning Cloak—A rich variety of most unique coloring. Large double flowers of a velvety purplish black, each petal tipped and fringed with snow white.....5 & 10

Crimson Bell—Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewiggii type, and a beautiful companion to Eastern Queen and the Bride 5 & 10

Imperialis—Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers bearing great quantities of large, double flowers of rich glowing colors.....5 & 10

Brilliant—A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of dark, rich red, as large and fine as Carnations. A beautiful variety and comes true from seed.....5 & 10

The Bride—Clear, pure white, with a radiant, glowing crimson center, shading into a pink band.....5 & 10

Mixed—Our own mixture, of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar marking. This will give a bed of beautiful flowers, and scarcely two plants will be alike.....10 & 20

Diamond Flower.-(*Ionopsidium*)

A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work, or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surrounded by a wreath of bright green foliage, they show to a wonderful advantage. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where other plants are growing, and within a month you will have the most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss—that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty. In the fall the self-sown seed will come up and bloom profusely from October until spring, regardless of ice and snow.....10 & 20

Datura Cornucopia.

Much like the double Brugmansia, except it is more dwarf in habit, and a fine lilac and white color. Blooms in 2 or 3 months from seed and is a superb flower for the garden, or as a pot plant, both summer and winter. Flowers like great trumpets; quite double and of fine fragrance.....5 & 10

Sweet Nightingale—One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers crowned with great lily-like blossoms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow and deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn.....5 & 10

Feverfew.

Fine border plants that are always in flower. They bloom quickly from seed, and are extra good for cutting. They also make fine plants for winter blooming in pots. Flowers large and double, like Roses, and very profusely borne at all times of the year. Habit, dwarf and compact, making them very desirable either for garden or for pots.

Little Belle Fine snow white, very dwarf.....5 & 10
Little Fred Pure golden yellow, very dwarf.....5 & 10
Capensis, fl. pl.- The fine old double white Feverfew.5 & 10
Eximia Grandiflora Flowers enormous in size, as double as Roses, and pure snow white. A most superb pot plant, blooming all the year round. ..10 & 20
Golden Feather–Beautiful yellow foliage.....5 & 10

Eschscholtzia.

The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome, and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced. It is a fine flower for blooming in pots, especially in winter. Per pkt.

California–Fine golden yellow. A most showy flower.5 & 10
Mixed Colors- Many sorts.....5 & 10
Giant Golden West We regret that we cannot give this remarkable novelty a full page, instead of being obliged to crowd it into this small space. Flowers of this new Eschscholtzia measure 4 to 6 inches across, as large sometimes as ordinary tea saucers. It is perfectly magnificent, showing the richest yellow and bronze brown colors.....10 & 20

Gypsophila Elegans.

Everyone who is fond of bouquets ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers that are one of the finest things in the world for all cut flower work, softening all hard lines, toning down all glaring colors, and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms soon after sowing seed.....5 & 10

Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. Flowers are of enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, while the colors and variegations are the most brilliant and beautiful imaginable, scarlet, red, orange, purple, lemon, buff, etc. As pot plants they are also exquisite. Start seed early....5 & 10

GODETIA.

FENZLIA.

Godetia.—(*Satin Flower.*)

A handsome flower, and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers of shining, satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. This flower grows more popular each year, and it well deserves the partiality shown it.

Mixed Colors—All shades .....5 & 10

Fenzlia Dianthiflora.

Charming low-growing plants, forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose-purple threated flowers. An extra fine little plant for edging or carpet-bedding, or for baskets in the house. Blooms very quickly from seed..... 5 & 1

HIBISCUS GOLDEN BOWL.

Hibiscus, Golden Bowl.

This is a plant which grows about two feet high and begins to bloom early from spring sown seed, the enormous flower measuring 5 or 6 inches across, beautifully cupped and of the most exquisite, soft canary yellow with a large black center. These beautiful flowers are borne in great profusion all summer, and if the plants are potted before frost, will continue to bloom in the window all winter.....5 & 10

Trailing Hollyhock.

This is a hardy perennial, sending out vines which trail over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a beautiful miniature Trailing Hollyhock, the leaves and flowers being similar to that glorious old plant, and it has the double advantage of being a constant bloomer from early spring until late fall. The flowers are bright crimson in color and produced freely, as are also its vines and foliage. We have nothing more beautiful, especially for rock work, mounds, or wherever a trailing plant is desirable.....5 & 10

Helianthus. (*Sunflower.*)

Some of the newer sorts of the old-fashioned Sunflower are really very fine. The following two sorts are the best;

New Double Dwarf—Compact grower, with double flowers of great size and beauty.....5 & 10

Multiflorus—If planted singly in good soil this new Sunflower reaches the enormous height of from 12 to 15 feet, and is richly branched from the base up to the top, each branch bearing a multitude of medium-sized golden yellow flowers with small black center, which offers an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes. An elegant plant.....5 & 10

Mimosa. (*Sensitive Plant.*)

A curious plant, with delicate fern-like leaves that fold closely together if touched, as though they were wilted by a hot blast. In a short time they again revive. It is a very beautiful plant and furnishes endless amusement. Though it grows freely in the garden it is most desirable as a pot plant, its beautiful fern-like foliage making it attractive at all times and in all places...5 & 10

Larkspur.

An old-fashioned, but none the less valuable annual, with large, compact spikes of showy flowers, in shades of white, pink, red, blue, etc. Sow seed very early in open ground, or even in late autumn. Per pkt.

Double Dwarf Mixed—.....5 & 10

Hyacinth Flowered—Great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors..... ....5 & 10

Lobelia.

Charming little plants for small beds, edgings, baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for winter culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pot of flowers.

Crystal Palace—Dark blue, best for bedding.....5 & 10

New Double Dwarf Mixed Colors—A lovely, dwarf, compact sort, bearing hundreds of beautiful double blossoms of various colors.....10 & 20

Royal Purple—Extra fine, with dark stalks and large, deep blue flowers, having a distinct white eye.....5 & 10

Coldeise—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow and is most charmingly set off by the hundreds of blossoms which the plant carries of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. We have never seen in one plant a more charming contrast between flowers and foliage than is shown in this most superb novelty.....5 & 10

Lychnis.

Hardy perennials that bloom the first season. Sow seed early in open ground. Colors very brilliant and showy.

Mixed Colors—Many fine old sorts.....5 & 10

Burning Star—A blaze of brilliancy for months if plants are kept from seeding. Star-like blossoms covering the dwarf bushy plants as with a cloud. Perfectly hardy, and blooms even better the second season than the first. One of the most brilliant of garden flowers. Mixed colors.....5 & 10

Mirabilis, Tom Thumb.

Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which in evening are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations.....5 & 10

Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet, homely flower that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet-smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots any time for the window. Per pkt.

Common Sweet—The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 20c.....5 & 10

Pyramidal or Giant Tree—A robust grower, with numerous large spikes of flowers; very sweet.....5 & 10

Giant White Spiral—First introduced by us several years ago. Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows and blooms in any situation with greater freedom than any other sort.....5 & 10

Machet—The finest of all. Plants bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure.10 & 20

Golden Queen—Pyramidal habit, with flowers of a yellowish color. Very good.....5 & 10

Crimson Queen—A fine variety with large spikes of dark red flowers.....5 & 10

Improved Victoria—This new Mignonette is one of the most desirable novelties we have seen for a long time. It grows only six to twelve inches in height and is sure to put every lover of flowers in ecstasy by its perfectly regular, pyramidal habit and the beautifully formed spikes of the prettiest red Mignonette flowers ever seen. We consider this the finest of all Mignonette, either for the garden or for pot culture. Its large, compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and succeeds well even in dry soil and hot sun, where most Mignonettes fail.....10 & 20

For 30c. we will send one packet each of the seven sorts.

Myosotis.

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithfulness and undying affection. Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you frankly in the eye as though they had something to tell you. Though perennials, they bloom the first season. They are also fine for pot culture in a shady window where few plants will bloom. Per pkt.

Palustrus—Elegant blue flowers of large size.....5 & 10

Alpestris—Pure white.....5 & 10

Elegantissima—Neat pyramidal growth; mixed.....5 & 10

Dwarf, Mixed Colors—Bushy growth, large blossoms.5 & 10

Fairy Gem—This is an annual variety that, sown in open ground, will bloom in July. Its flowers are a beautiful blue and profusely borne.....5 & 10

Marigold.

Petted by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that only need the slightest care to do well and blossom freely. Per pkt.

French, Mixed Colors—Double flowers, rich dark shade.5 &10

Dahlia-Flowered—Very rank and tall, studded with enormous double Dahlia-like flowers. The colors range from the palest canary yellow to a deep full orange. Set one to two feet apart.....5 & 10

Legion of Honor—A most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its flowers well above the foliage. These are of large size and exceedingly striking, owing to the wide contrast in their colors. The center of the flower is a bright brownish-red while the outer half is fine golden-yellow. It is really the prettiest Marigold we have ever seen and should be found in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn, especially, the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom.....5 & 10

MIMULUS.

Mimulus.

Beautiful little plants, with the daintiest and prettiest flowers imaginable. Will not succeed in hot sun, but is just the plant for cool, shady beds, or for baskets or pots in poorly lighted windows. Seeds fine, and need care in sowing. Great favorites with those who have once grown them. In exquisite coloring these flowers rival the Gloxinia. Per pkt.

Mixed Sorts—All colors (MONKEY FLOWER).....5 & 10

Moschatus—(MUSK PLANT). Well known for its fine musky fragrance.....5 & 10

Double Mixed Double flowers; splendidly spotted...10 & 20

Tigrinus Grandiflorus—Flowers size of a Petunia, and of very bright and striking colors; all spotted, tigered and variegated in a most charming manner. Fine as pot plants, rivaling the Gloxinia.....10 & 20

Nicotiana.

Fine for separate clumps or masses, or for the center of beds of evening bloomers. One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for outdoor culture or for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and, for shaded grounds and north windows, is invaluable.

Affinis—Three feet high, with hundreds of fragrant blossoms borne for months without intermission.....5 & 10

Decurrens—A dwarfer and more branching variety than Affinis, equally beautiful and even more profuse..10 & 20

Nigella, Dwarf.

Often called Love in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloping foliage. 15 inches. An easy and rapid grower of much beauty. Dwarf mixed colors.....5 & 10

Nymphæa.

Lovely Pond Lilies of which everyone is so fond. Many of the new foreign varieties grow and bloom from seed the first year, and among them there are a great variety of colors, white, yellow, blue, purple, etc. Seed should be sown in a pan or saucer of mud, just covered with water. In a warm temperature they will germinate quickly and grow rapidly. These Lilies have a fragrance rich and peculiar; considered by many to be superior to any other flower.

Zanzibarensis, Blue—The grand day-blooming African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of most exquisite coloring, and so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed, and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. The larger the vessel that contains them the ranker they grow, and the larger their flowers, but they will bloom in a common bucket, even. Seed should be sown in cups of soil and tepid water.....10 & 20

Zanzibarensis, Red—Like the above, except in color, which is a fine purplish red.....10 & 20

Dentata—(NIGHT-BLOOMING STAR LILY). There is nothing among water plants finer than this. Opens about eight o'clock in the evening, and closes at noon the next day. Star-like blossoms, pearly white, and blooms freely from seed the first season.....10 & 20

Coerulea—A lovely Pond Lily four inches across, and of a beautiful lavender blue color. It has a remarkable fragrance, differing from all others.....10 & 20

Alba—A lovely pure white Water Lily of great beauty and fragrance.....5 & 10

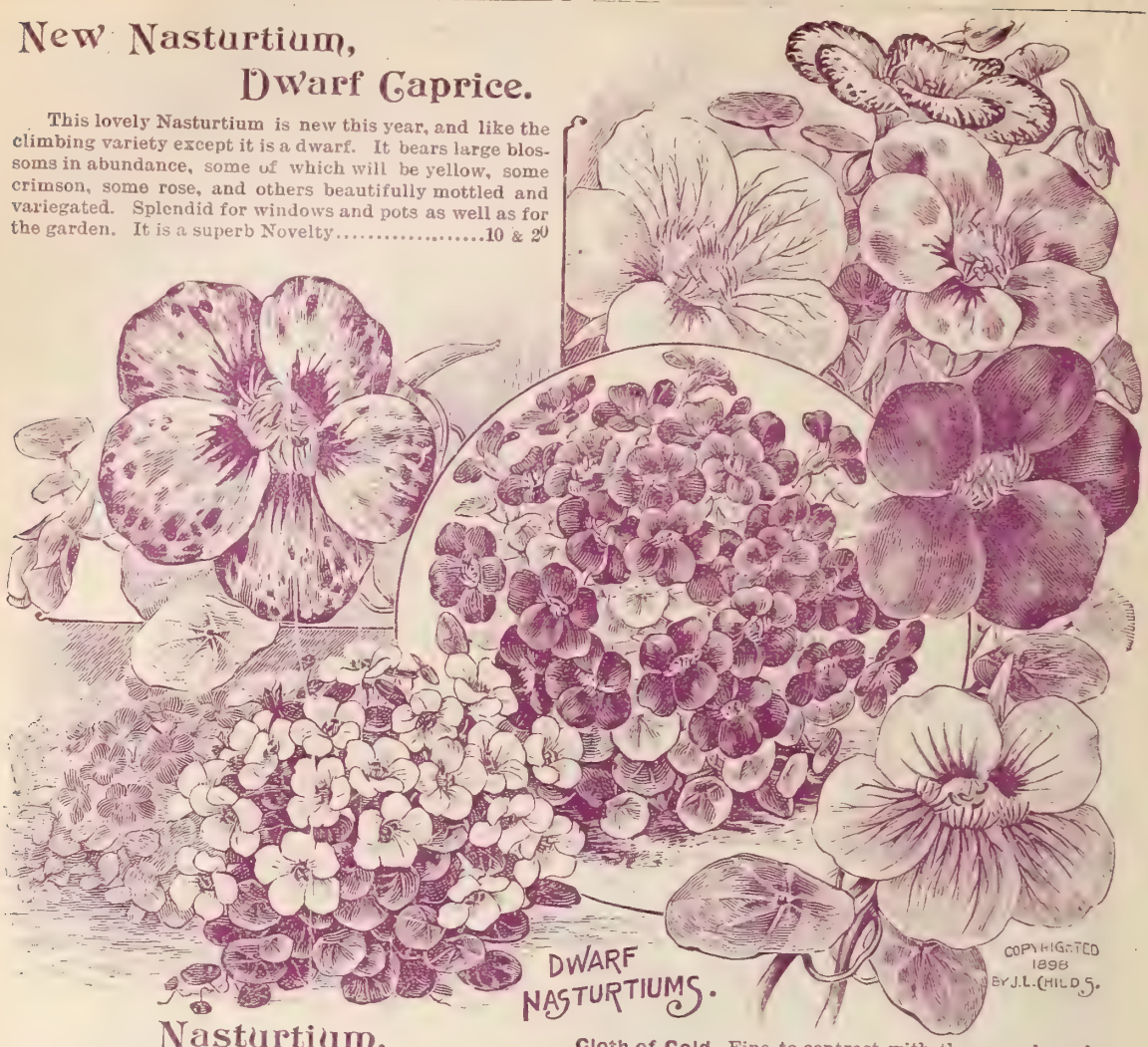
Nelumbium, or Egyptian Lotus—This is the grand and ancient Egyptian Lotus, a Water Lily of great size and surpassing beauty. It should be planted in rich mud, with one or two feet of water. It flowers the first season, its flower stems rising out of the water to the height of four or six feet, surmounted by a great double pink or white flower, which is a foot or more across. The beautiful rank leaves are often over two feet across. Either in pots or tubs this plant is in bloom from July to October, and is an object of unsurpassed beauty.....10 & 20

Oenothera, (*Evening Primrose.*)

Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white, or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant. The swollen buds expand at dusk with a sudden "snap" that always delights the children and interests the adults. Seed can be sown in the open ground, and plants will soon be in bloom. Mixed Sorts.....5 & 10

New Nasturtium, Dwarf Caprice.

This lovely Nasturtium is new this year, and like the climbing variety except it is a dwarf. It bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated. Splendid for windows and pots as well as for the garden. It is a superb Novelty.....10 & 20



Nasturtium.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturtium would be one of them. They are so easy to grow that a six-year-old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well. Do not let seed form, and plant on thin soil.

Per pkt.

Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed—Our own special mixture, of all colors, no better can be found. Per oz., 20c.; per lb., $1.50.....5 & 10

Lady Bird—A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson.....5 & 10

Empress of India—A fine variety with dark purplish foliage and very dark, rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon beds, as its color is so noticeable.5 & 10

King Theodore—Darkest of all, almost black in color.5 & 10

Golden King—One of the loveliest shades of yellow we ever saw. Superb bedder.....5 & 10

Coccinea—Bright flashing scarlet; could not be brighter.....5 & 10

Pearl—The nearest white. Good for contrast.....5 & 10

Rose—A lovely soft shade of rose.....5 & 10

Spotted—Gorgeous in colors and marking.....5 & 10

Beauty—Deep yellow marked with bright scarlet.....5 & 10

Crystal Palace Gem—Sulphur-marked maroon.....5 & 10

King of Tom Thumbs—Deep, velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine.....5 & 10

Ruby King—An elegant new sort with flowers of large size and a rich ruby color. A grand sort, and one of the richest colored Nasturtium in cultivation.....5 & 10

Minus—Miniature Nasturtium, growing only half as large as other varieties. It is very dainty and pretty as an edging to beds of the large sorts. Many fine colors mixed. Per oz., 30c.....5 & 10

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only 50c. we will send one packet each of the fourteen sorts here offered.*

Cloth of Gold—Fine to contrast with the green-leaved or dark-foliaged Nasturtium. Leaves of a clear, bright yellow, while the beautiful flowers are a fine scarlet. It is a superb bedding plant, of compact habit, forming a plant which is a dense mass of foliage and bloom at all times. Must be seen to be appreciated.....5 & 10

New Giant Flowered Dwarf Tom Thumb.

Of all Nasturtiums this new strain is the most beautiful and useful, as well as the largest in size and most varied in color. The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear, golden yellow, salmon-pink, dark red, golden brown, all shades of yellow variegated with red and brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. Some of the combinations of color are quite indescribable. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large, luxuriant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. For pot culture, especially for winter blooming, they are superb, and rival in beauty the choicest plants in any collection. Planted at any time during winter or spring they will bloom in a few weeks, and are certainly unsurpassed for window plants. For the garden sow in open ground about corn planting time in the spring. We offer in this strain a mixture of over 40 different colors and combinations.....10 & 20

(*For Climbing sorts see page 74.*)

Petunia.

This is a flower for everybody. Few high priced and rare plants can begin to compare with the Petunia for beauty, and not half a dozen other flowers on our list are as showy in beds or masses as it is We once saw in front of a humble western cabin a great raised bed of Petunias, a perfect cloud of brilliant blossoms that could be seen far over the prairie, gleaming in purple and white, like some great star, and all this wealth of beauty was product of a ten-cent paper of seed. The smallest yard and the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth or rain, but bloom in profusion until the winter is almost upon us The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart, but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in open ground and covered lightly. After they are once up they are no trouble to grow. Per pkt

Childs' New Hybrids—Striped, blotched and stained. Large funnel-shaped flowers of intense brilliancy and vivid marking; never out of bloom; fine for pots....5 & 10

Grandiflora, Mixed—Very large flowers and fine colors, including beautiful blotched, bordered, striped and veined types. .....5 & 10

Grandiflora Alba—Pure white.....5 & 10

Nana Compacta—A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer. .....5 & 10

Fimbriata Titania, Mixed—Large flowers of various colors; beautifully veined and fringed. .....5 & 10

NEW GIANT FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

A giant flowered strain which originated in California. The Double is particularly fine.

Clematis Flowered—New pure white, and like a great clematis.....10 & 20

Giant Kermisina—Large open throat of deep black colors, and black veining. Very fine.....10 & 20

The Rainbow Richly colored flowers with golden yellow throats; exquisite and comes true every time.10 & 20

Ring of Emerald—Large pink and crimson blossoms deeply bordered with a green band. Attracts great attention.....10 & 20

Six Lobed White—Very large, pure white, usually with six lobes.....10 & 20

Fringed Perfection—A highly perfected strain the petals of which are deeply ruffled, and the ruffles in turn exquisitely fringed. A superb strain of the richest colors.....10 & 20

Giant Flowered Single, Mixed Colors—Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful, and without doubt the finest strain of single Petunias.....10 & 20

Giant Flowered Double, Fringed, Mixed Colors—This strain of giant flowered Petunias originated in California, and it is one of the most valuable new flowers that has ever come from that state. They are the largest and finest colored Petunias ever yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all who see them. A larger per cent. comes double from seed than from any other strain we know.....10 & 20

Double White—A very fine pure white flower, and very double; 30 per cent. will come true from seed.....10 & 20

Double Heliotrope—Large round blossoms very double and of a beautiful Heliotrope color.....10 & 20

Double Crimson—Intense crimson, large, double and very rich.....10 & 20

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PANSIES
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Pansy.

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, foreign plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep, mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location and abundant water. Sow seed either in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late summer and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shaded by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom. Poor Pansy seed is dear at any price. Ours is saved with great care and is the best. Pet pkt.

Extra Choice Large Flowering—Mixed; very good..5 & 10
Snow Queen—Very large and of snowy whiteness....5 & 10
Yellow Bird—A selection of the Giant Trimardeau type with very large flowers of a clear deep glossy yellow.5 & 10
Cassier's Giant Odier—Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful blotchings. A very distinct strain.....5 & 10
Bugnot's Superb Mixed—Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring.10 & 20
Peacock—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised .....10 & 20
Trimardeau Giant—A distinct strain, with very large flowers and wide range of coloring.....5 & 10
Fire King—Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring.....5 & 10
Silver Edged—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work.5 & 10
Black Giant Flowered—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal-black; very fine and striking...10 & 20
Cardinal—Deep scarlet, the brightest color in Pansies.5 & 10
Giant Excelsior—It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form, and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain.....10 & 20

One packet each of above twelve sorts for 60c.

CHILDS' SUPERFINE PANSY.

The Pansy is our leading specialty in seeds, and testimonials show that for years we have sold the finest Pansy seed that has been sold in this country. As the introducers of the Imperial German and Giant Excelsior we have had the finest strains of these, the best of all Pansies; Childs' Superfine is merely a careful selection from them. The plants which show the greatest vigor and perfection in growth, and beauty in size and shape of flowers, are selected for seed. They are carefully cultivated and the seeds saved only from a few of the largest and most perfect flowers of the finest colors. We grow it in Northern Germany, where the Pansy attains the greatest perfection, and we can emphatically say that this is the finest Pansy seed ever offered in the world; the very best that can be grown or had at any price. Per pkt, of 25 seeds, 30c.

SCARLET AND FANCY STRIPED PANSIES.

We have a strain of Scarlet and one of Striped and Margined Pansies, which are particularly fine.

Fancy Scarlet and Red Shades—This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors.10 & 20
Fancy Striped—A strain of Pansy made up of various colors, all elegantly striped and variegated. It is very striking and odd and always greatly admired.....10 & 20
Fancy Margined—A unique strain, as the blossoms, which are of various colors, are all margined with white or gold. Extra large and of rare beauty.....10 & 20

Above three Fancy sorts for 25c.

IMPERIAL GERMAN.

President Carnot—A European novelty of last year and one which proves to be very fine. The flowers are large, rich violet blue with a distinct white edge. One of the most striking varieties yet introduced..10 & 20
Freya—Another exceedingly fine European novelty of last year. Flowers large, deep velvety purple shaded blue and scarlet, with a beautiful white rim. A characteristic of this bloom is that the back is distinctly marked like the front, which gives it a conspicuously full flowering appearance. It is certainly a very richly colored variety.....10 & 20

IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now a household word in the land. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty.

Gloriosa Perfecta—An indescribably lovely flower; a reddish steel-blue, with distinct red and white rim.10 & 20
Snow Fairy—Grand snow-white blooms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries.....10 & 20
Black Knight—A large Pansy of inky blackness.....10 & 20
Thunder Cloud—Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine.....10 & 20
Azure Blue—A clear, lovely shade, very fine for bedding.....10 & 20
Emperor William—Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making.....10 & 20
Little Red Riding Hood—A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color, some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds come true to character.....10 & 20
Deep Yellow—A fine color for bedding.....10 & 20
Odier, or Five Spotted, Mixed—Beautifully spotted flowers. A peculiar variety.....10 & 20
Large Spotted, Mixed—On white, yellow and reddish grounds. Very fine.....10 & 20
Lord Beaconsfield—True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. Unlike any other Pansy and extra fine for cutting.10 & 20
Marbled—Beautifully marbled, various shades.....10 & 20
Striped—Very showy and striking flowers, distinctly striped and shaded.....10 & 20
Bronze Perfecta—A unique color, hard to describe. Exquisite to combine with the deep blue and purple Pansies in cut-flower work.....10 & 20
Mixed Seed—Of more than fifty distinct shades of Imperial German, including those described above...10 & 20

One packet each of above fifteen Imperial Germans for $1.00.

Phlox Drummondi.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondi, surpassing almost everything else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth and an extraordinary bloomer. The newer sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties, that we have discarded all the latter, and offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color. Per pkt.

Mixed—Thirty different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz. $1.00.....5 & 10

Coccinea—A rich, velvety scarlet.....5 & 10

Fancy Striped—Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors but all striped with white.....5 & 10

Grover Cleveland—A grand bedding sort, large, pure white flowers, with radiant crimson centers. Very fine and effective.....5 & 10

Rosea Alba Oculata—A clear deep rose, with large, pure white eye. A charming color.....5 & 10

Violet Alba Oculata—A rich shade of violet, with large white center.....5 & 10

Yellow—Good for contrast, not as brilliant in color as the scarlet and crimson varieties.....5 & 10

Alba—Large, pure white, without markings of any kind. Fine for cutting.....5 & 10

Stellata—Of the most dazzling, deepest scarlet, with a contrasting eye of the snowiest white. This is a wonderfully brilliant bedder, giving a blaze of color that can be seen a long way.....10 & 20

Double White—This Phlox was introduced some years ago, but so small a per cent. of the plants produced double flowers that we did not offer it at first. The strain here offered is most excellent and a large per cent. of the plants will produce fine double flowers in great clusters and as white as snow.....10 & 20

Double Yellow—Like the above, but yellow.....10 & 20

Nana Compacta—Small growing, very compact varieties in many brilliant colors. They attain a height of only six inches and make a very brilliant carpet of color all summer.....10 & 20

Nana Coerulea Stellata—A new dwarf Phlox bearing a profusion of large blue white-eyed blossoms. It is the best dwarf Phlox we have ever grown and one which will greatly please all.....10 & 20

Per pkt

Childs' Star—Nothing else in the Phlox line has ever created such a sensation as the unique German strains of Fimbriata, Cuspidata and Star of Quedlinburg, when introduced a few years ago. Their large size, and their curiously pointed, fringed and toothed blooms—utterly unlike anything else—took the floral world by storm. Unfortunately these flowers were muddy and indistinct in coloring. This we undertook to remedy by hybridization between the new incised sorts and the old brilliant sorts of regular form, and we are more than satisfied with our success. We have succeeded in retaining the much admired forms of the German strains while the colors of our improved hybrids are of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades, colors and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color. If you want something odd, new and striking, try Childs' Star Phlox.....10 & 20

Childs' Jubilee—This strain of Phlox is as superior to other Phlox of regular outline as our new Star Phlox are to the ordinary strains of Fimbriata Phlox. The flowers of Childs' Jubilee Phlox are of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon black, lavender purple and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes or featherings. In habit these new Phloxes are erect, rather than procumbent and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivaled for bedding. They are of dwarf stout branching habit, always standing erect, and the individual flowers the size of a twenty dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes.....10 & 20

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these fifteen finest Phloxes.*

☞For several years one of the chief attractions at Floral Park, and one which pleased visitors greatly has been the acre patch of Childs Jubilee Phloxes, which we annually grow. Such large flowers, such varied colors, and such a great mass of dazzling brightness cannot be found elsewhere in this country.

CHILDS' GREAT PEONY-FLOWERED POPPY.

Poppies.

Universal garden favorites from the days of our grandmothers. There is nothing more graceful than the silky blooms of single Poppies, nodding at the apex of their long wiry stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fullness, glowing with color, and like great Peonies or Snowballs in size. There are few flowers easier to grow, if the precaution is taken to sow early, and cover lightly, and none more useful to light up dark masses of shrubbery, mixed borders, or dull bits of landscape. Do not wait for warm weather to sow your seed, but sow very early in the spring, that the plants may have their growth made, ready to bloom at the coming of warm weather. Per pkt.

Giant Carnation Flowered—Flowers of the very largest size, extremely double, and of very brilliant colors. Many colors mixed.....5 & 10

Childs' Great Peony-Flowered—A strain selected after years of high cultivation and careful selection. Plants attain a height of three feet or more, and bear many flowers of most brilliant colors.....10 & 20

Peacock—(PAPAVA UMBROSA.) Dazzlingly beautiful. Fiery scarlet flowers with vivid black centers, and borne on long wiry stems.....5 & 10

Nankeen Yellow—A fine novelty. Large double blossoms of a fine Nankeen yellow color.....5 & 10

Angel of Midnight—Black. A most unusual color and an odd and interesting one.....5 & 10

Snowdrift—Flowers as pure as the driven snow, large, double and full, yet soft and loose like a great ball of snow. A mass of it in bloom is a grand sight. Its habit of growth is stout and compact, not attaining the height of most other large Poppies, which makes its enormous blossoms show to better advantage...5 & 10

Rosebud—Dainty flowers, like silken rosettes, cupped like Roses. Some of these are exquisitely mottled and shaded, while others are solid colors, margined with other shades. The coloring is something wonderful, and must be seen to be appreciated. Intense scarlet crimson, pink, rose, white, blush, mottled, fringed, etc.....5 & 10

Nudicaule or Iceland Poppies—Perennials, but bloom first year. Very handsome and graceful, and particularly desirable because they furnish us with a color hitherto lacking in these flowers. The yellow and orange shades are particularly fine.....5 & 10

Tulip Flowered—A new Poppy of great brilliancy and beauty, having a flower which in shape and color resembles a great flaming Tulip. Its color is most intense scarlet, and it blooms at least two weeks earlier than any other Poppy.....5 & 10

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only 50c. we will send one packet each of the eleven Poppies on this page.*

Blushing Bride—The plants are of dwarf, stout growth, like Snowdrift, and belong to the Pæony-flowered type. The blossoms of enormous size perfectly double to the center, and beautifully fringed. Color, snow-white, with lovely bright crimson festooning above the edges of the frilled petals. It is difficult to imagine a more charming combination. This Poppy is one of the earliest double varieties to bloom, yet if the seed is sown late, say during June, the plants will bloom profusely through the fall months.....10 & 20

Improved Shirley—No better flower seed novelty was offered last year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original introducer of the Shirleys. Habit of plant dwarf and stout; blossoms of enormous size, and of the most charming colors to be found in any flower. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies, no matter what it is. A great improvement. 10 & 20

Portulaca.

The Portulaca will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. They do not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing; they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and the hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage, that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and as they can be transplanted even in full bloom it is easy enough to remove any single or off-colored ones and replace them with others as they bloom. Six inches high. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant.....5 & 10

Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors—Large blossoms, as double as Roses, and of the greatest variety of colors and variegations. Our seed is extra choice and will produce large double flowers.....10 & 20

Double Yellow—Fine brilliant color.....5 & 10

Double Scarlet—Clear and bright.....5 & 10

Double White—Pure and beautiful.....5 & 10

Polygonum Orientale Variegata.

A charming garden plant growing 8 to 10 feet high, and bearing long catkin-like racemes of delicate pink flowers. The large heart-shaped leaves are beautifully striped, spotted and marbled with white. Very ornamental.....5 & 10

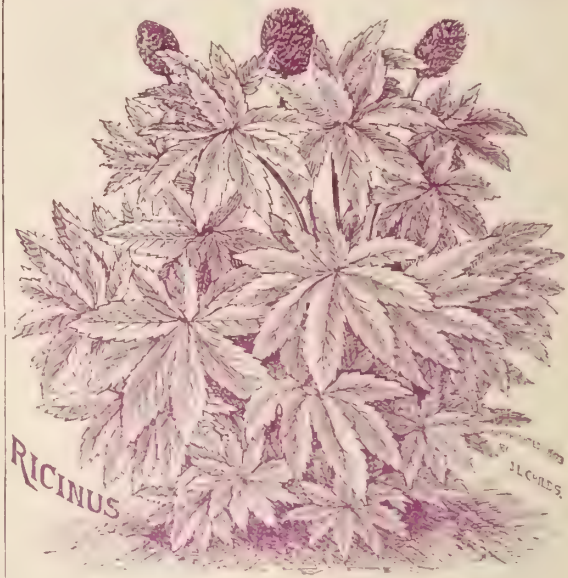
Phacelia Campanulata.

An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers profusely and a long time. Its shade of color is one of the rarest and loveliest seen among blues. It is a superb pot plant. 5 & 10

Platycodon, Grandiflora.

A companionable flower that is attractive in the border, pretty in balcony boxes and very fine for vases and cut-flower work. Blooms first year from seed, though it is a hardy perennial, the plants living in the ground over winter and blooming profusely year after year in the same spot. On this account it is very valuable. The pretty star-like flowers are three inches across, and the colors are very clear. It is a most beautiful and satisfactory plant which blooms freely all the season, one plant often having a hundred or more of its large fine blossoms at one time. A gem for any garden.

Mixed—Several colors.....10 & 20



Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

There are several varieties of this superb new Ricinus, all of which are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, compact, branching growth, forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The seed are very large and each kind of a different color, white, black, scarlet, brown, etc. All beautifully marked and mottled. They are so beautiful that they are worth the price asked just to look at. All kinds mixed.....5 & 10

Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-Weeks Stock. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. It develops in its greatest perfection in the cold atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the midday sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor care will result in poor flowers. It is worse than useless to plant inferior seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is of the very best, and will please all who try it. Per pkt.

Early Ten Weeks—12 of the finest colors mixed.....10 & 20
" " " —Pure white, very sweet.....5 & 10
" " " —Rich crimson.....5 & 10
" " " —Clear blue.....5 & 10
" " " —Yellow, new and fine.....5 & 10

Dwarf German—Mixed colors An extra fine strain of large flowered Stocks.....10 & 20

New Large Flowering Globe Pyramidal—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers, in bloom at one time.....10 & 20

Giant Perfection—One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet; flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed.....10 & 20

Snowflake—A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms.....10 & 20

Victoria Blood Red—A fine companion to the Snowflake, and grand for cutting. Deep and rich in color and very fragrant.....10 & 20

Celestial Blue—A beautiful color, and contrasts admirably with the two sorts above.....10 & 20

Tree—Mixed colors; a gigantic branching sort.....10 & 20

One packet each of the twelve sorts for 60c.

Scabiosa.

This is one of the very best bouquet flowers of our entire list, and is also fine for masses or clumps in the flower garden. Each plant bears a profusion of beautiful flowers, rich, velvety, glowing and unlike any other flower, while the long wiry stems fit them for use in bouquets and vases. Sow seed early in open ground, and they are almost sure to succeed. They are very hardy, and plants frequently endure the winter, and do even better the second season than the first. While all colors of Scabiosa are fine, the rich coal black and velvety royal purples find the most admirers. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—(MOURNING BRIDE).....5 & 10

Double, Mixed Colors—Dwarf habit; fine colors.....5 & 10

Snow Ball—The plant is a strong grower, and the flowers are very large, perfectly double, and as white as snow. They are produced very freely.....5 & 10

Golden Dwarf—A dwarf sort with yellow foliage and double coal-black blossoms. A unique plant.....5 & 10

Royal Velvet—Each head of this variety when in full bloom may well be named a ready-made nosegay, composed as it is of 20 to 30 distinct florets of a velvety purple color on which the white stamens contrast finely.....5 & 10

Double Yellow—A fine novelty.....5 & 10

Schizanthus.

The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like blooms, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely bloom, and closely resembling some species of Orchids. For winter blooming in pots the Schizanthus is one of the most desirable of all flowers. Plants from seed sown in November will be full of bloom from January to May, making a display which cannot be surpassed.

Mixed Colors—Improved large flowering. Lovely.....5 & 10

Salpiglossis.

An exceedingly beautiful flower, and an extra fine and brilliant bedder. Large, lovely, funnel shaped blossoms of velvety texture, and with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a groundwork of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well and some of the showiest beds we have ever seen have been of this beautiful and easy grown annual.

Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—A grand new strain with enormous blossoms possessing the most varied, brilliant and fantastic markings imaginable. The staining, pencilling and blending of the colors is wonderfully fine.....5 & 10

Spraguaea Umbellata.

A singular plant in both leaf and flower. The wooly pink and crimson flowers are borne in umbels above the foliage. The flowers remain perfect a long time and are often dried and used for winter bouquets. The leaves are of a dark bronze color, odd and attractive, and very curious.....5 & 10

Wallflower, Annual, Mixed.

The old English Wallflower is everywhere a favorite, and it is a regret to most cultivators of flowers that it cannot be grown in this country as well as it can in England. This is owing to the fact that it is not hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground without being killed or severely injured and as the old varieties do not bloom until the second year from seed they can be successfully wintered only in frames. This serious difficulty is obviated in this new strain which flowers early the first season from seed. Seed sown in the open ground the first of May will commence blooming by the first of July, and if started earlier in the house or in hot-beds they can be had in profusion from early in June until late autumn as they continue booming through autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are of large size and borne in compact, short spikes or clusters, and are exceedingly sweet scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom profusely till snow flies. The colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, etc.....5 & 10

Salvia.

The Salvia is now a standard bedding plant, and well does it deserve its honor. It stands heat and drouth remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense. Seed is best started under glass, though self-sown seed frequently comes up in great numbers where a bed of these plants has been the year previous. Cuttings are easily rooted in Aug. and Sept. and make fine winter-blooming plants.

Patens—A most lovely shade of blue.....10 & 20

Carduacua—Light blue.....5 & 10

Splendens Compacta—Fine dwarf habit very free flowering, and of intense brilliancy. This is the finest of all Salvias and one of the very finest plants for garden or pots that it is possible to have. It blooms profusely all the year, beginning in about three months from the time of sowing the seed. A perfectly exquisite window plant. In the garden its masses of fiery blossoms are very attractive....10 & 20

Splendens Mixed—Scarlet, white, striped, purple and golden leaved, all exceedingly fine.....10 & 20

Vinca.

Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots makes lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. Their soft and delicated colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Mixed colors.....5 & 10

Verbesena Occidentalis.

Blooms profusely from June to Oct., the blossoms being large, richest and brightest golden yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming within a few weeks.....5 & 10

Childs' Prize Verbenas.

THE FINEST STRAIN KNOWN.

Famous as the finest strain of Verbenas known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and we know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short jointed, and perfect sheets of bloom. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form, and embrace the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet scented. The range of color is great and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blue and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigoes, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact a thousand different colors and combinations.

Per pkt.

Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers, dwarf, compact habit, and prodigious bloomers.....10 & 20

Childs' Prize, Pure White—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance.....10 & 20

Childs' Prize, Scarlet—A very intense scarlet.....10 & 20

SPECIAL OFFER:

One packet each of the eight sorts offered on this page for 60c.

Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has few equals. Start seed early under glass, if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting to the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during this entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming. Our prize strain are the finest Verbenas in cultivation.

Per pkt.

Extra Choice Mixed—From a named collection.....5 & 10

Golden Bedder—A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage.....10 & 20

Primrose—A great advance toward the coveted yellow Verbena. A soft, pale yellow, or primrose.....5 & 10

Odorata—It is so hardy seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring, where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly, and in a few weeks be in bloom and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. The blossoms, instead of being in *clusters* like other sorts, run up into *spikes*, usually 3 or 4 inches long. It is very sweet scented and pure white in color.....5 & 10

Moss Verbena This new Verbena produces a mass of fine, moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue blossoms in the wildest profusion. The effect is most charming. It is more hardy and robust than most Verbenas, and blooms in a very short time from seed. It is novel and beautiful.....10 & 20

Improved Striped—A good strain, representing all the leading colors, but all striped. Really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation...5 & 10

Fire Ball—Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage..... 5 & 10

Snow Ball—Exactly like Fire Ball except color, which is snow white, and makes a charming contrast.....5 & 10

Double Yellow—Blossoms large and bright yellow....5 & 10

Lilliput, Mixed Colors. This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden.....10 & 20

Cold Bug—Plants grow a foot high and branch freely into beautiful little compact bushes which are at all times covered with beautiful golden yellow blossoms as double as roses. New last year..... 10 & 20

Zinnia.

From earliest childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still sell and grow as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for twenty-five years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. This Zinnia is a robust free grower, furnishing an abundance of large double blossoms, which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a show which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn planting time.

Childs' Improved Mixed Colors—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnia in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers. Single and poor flowers long ago disappeared from this strain.....10 & 20

Crested and Crinkled—All colors mixed. A strain with curiously crested and crinkled petals.....5 & 10

SPECIAL OFFER.

To encourage the free use of our improved Zinnias, we will send one packet each of the eight varieties here offered for only 55c.

ORNAMENTAL CLIMBERS.

Every garden, every cottage, every fence, wall, stump, or old tree is beautified by the graceful and profuse flowering vines here offered. Vines are nature's draperies and are essential to any and every attempt to beautify one's home surroundings. Beautiful, beautiful vines, many an unsightly object do they cover, many a lovely screen, or fence, or trellis, do they make, masses of beautiful blossoms and grateful shade do they furnish. The following selection is all that can be desired among annual climbers. Our Sweet Peas, Morning Glories and Nasturtiums are particularly fine.

CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

Centrosema Grandiflora.

This new vine has come to stay. It is easy to grow, quick to bloom, beautiful in flower and leaf, and is a hardy perennial, lasting for years. It will flower the first season from seed, and autumn frosts will find it still in bloom. It is a low graceful climber, growing only six to eight feet high, which makes it far more suitable for a low trellis or lattice work, or to train around a door or window in summer, than a taller, larger-leaved vine would be, and its masses of large inverted pea-shaped blossoms, two inches or more across, and borne in clusters of four to eight flowers together, are very showy and pleasing. Fill a small vase with its dainty, bright flowers and foliage alone, and see how lovely they are for cutting. In color they range from rosy violet and reddish purple, with exquisite feathering or bordering of pure white to pure snow white. The rosy violet shades are most common, but as the buds and the back of the flowers of the dark varieties are pure white, each vine has the appearance of bearing different colored flowers at once. The winning way in which the flowers look up at one has won them the fanciful name of Look-at-me Vine. Per pkt.

Mixed—All colors.....5 & 10
Pure White—A fine novelty of this year.....10 & 20

COBÆA SCANDENS.

Cypress Vine.

One of the prettiest vines imaginable: slender vines, thickly clothed with dark green, feathery foliage of great beauty and dotted with intensely bright, velvety little flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. Fine for training to small trellises or to run up poles or strings. Mixed colors, white scarlet etc. 5 & 10

Canary Bird Flower.

A dainty vine with beautiful cut-leaves and pretty delicate flowers of a clear canary yellow. From the color of its blossoms, and also from a fancied resemblance of their shape to a bird with wings expanded, the plant obtains its common name. A pretty vine for the window or for a sheltered location out of doors.

MAURANDYA.

This vine is not grown half as much as it deserves to be. It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty, fox-glove like blossoms borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon, and rose-colored blossoms.

Morning Glories.

The old-fashioned Morning Glory, as easy to grow as any weed. Brilliant, beautiful flowers of every shade of white, blue, pink, scarlet and variegated. The standard vine.

Pure White.....5 & 10 | **Dark Blue**.....5 & 10
Dark Red.....5 & 10 | **Black**—A novel color. 5 & 10
Mixed Colors—Per oz., 15.....5 & 10

One packet each of above five sorts 15c.

Cobæa.

One of the finest of all climbers, equally good for out of door or for house culture. Pretty foliage and large, beautiful bell-shaped flowers that open a clear green but turn to a lovely purplish blue. Plant seed edgewise in moist but not wet soil; cover to prevent evaporation, and do not water again unless soil becomes very dry. When seedlings appear water with great moderation until out of the seed leaf.

Scandens—Fine bluish purple.....5 & 10
Alba—Fine pure white.....10 & 20

NASTURTIUM, ORIOLE.

Climbing Nasturtiums.

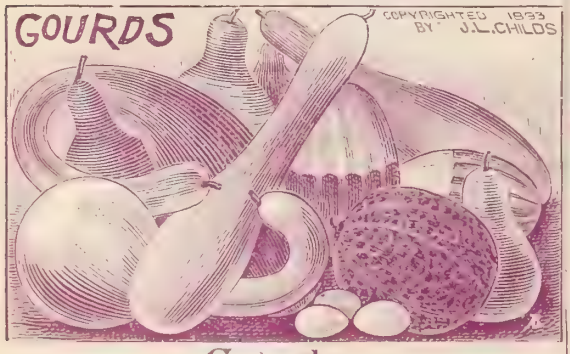
These are climbing Nasturtiums and can be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as low climbers for window or screen, or used as house-climbers in winter. They are never molested by insects, and are quick, clean growers that soon cover themselves with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. Everyone likes them who tries them. They withstand heat and drouth well, and if not allowed to seed too freely, will bloom for many months. Pkt.

Mixed, All Colors—Very fine. Oz., 20c.....5 & 10

Lobblanum, or Oriole—Mixed colors; many shades, and all with fine fimbricated petals. Colors intense and very striking. Elegant window climbers.....5 & 10

Mad. Gunthert Hybrids—A new strain of large flowered, elegantly blotched and marked sorts. More than twenty different colors and shades appear among them. All of new and peculiar beauty. Splendid, rapid growers, and fine foliage.....10 & 20

Golden Climber—A splendid climbing Nasturtium, with beautiful golden colored leaves and brilliant scarlet blossoms. It makes a vine, either for the garden or window, which is of the most striking oddity and beauty, and will attract the widest attention. The bright colored blossoms mingled with the charming light yellow leaves produces a pretty effect.....10 & 20



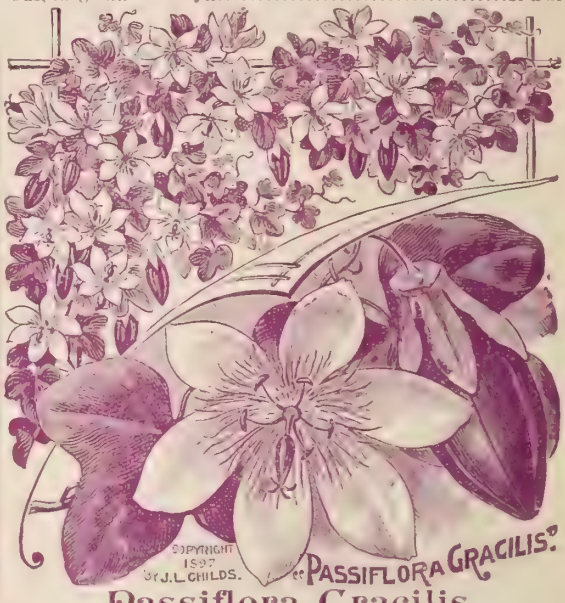
Gourds.

Well-known climbers, with the most fantastic and grotesque fruit imaginable. Fine for covering sheds, training over fences or brush piles, and always sure to attract the attention of the children, who love to play with the pretty striped and oddly crooked fruits. Many of these fruits keep perfect for years, being hard-shelled.

Mixed Sorts—All sizes, shapes and colors.....5 & 10

Early Fruiting Luffa.

Everyone is familiar with the ordinary dish cloth gourd of the South, which on account of its lateness in maturing its fruit is not adapted to Northern climates. The Early Luffa, is just what its name implies. Seed sown in the open ground in any Northern State or Canada, like Cucumbers, will bear and ripen an abundance of fruit before frost. The lace-like network of fibre which forms inside the fruit is a very useful article, and is used for various purposes, such as dish-rags, sponges, and even for bonnets and other millinery work. The flowers of this variety are also very numerous, large and showy.....10 & 20



Passiflora Gracilis.

This "Fairy Passion Vine," is a charming annual; it has pretty light green leaves, and is a very dainty and graceful thing, for hanging baskets, pots or trellises; will grow to the height of 5 or 6 feet out of doors; the flowers are white, followed by seed fruits, at first light green shaded white; when ripe they turn bright shining red and burst open, disclosing fiery scarlet seeds; the entire plant becomes covered with these fruits and the effect is very pretty indeed;..10 & 20

Childs' Giant Imperial Japan Morning Glories

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moon-flowers, colors, markings and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Some double, some with quilled and feathered petals and many with beautifully marbled and variegated leaves. Seed germinates quickly and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way. Spotted, blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. A few will be double and semi-double. To add to their beauty, the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. To secure the beautiful varieties which we here offer, our agent traveled in Japan from garden to garden, collecting a little seed at each one, as the best cannot be bought in quantity, and is not to be compared with any Japanese Morning Glory seed which may be put upon the market.

Mixed, All Colors and Varieties—More than 100 kinds. A grand strain, of endless variety of color and magnificent size, some having beautifully variegated foliage. Per oz. 50c.. ..... 10 & 20

Ceres Extra fine, of low growth, flowers appearing on plants scarcely a foot in height. Bright magenta with wide white border. Foliage elegantly marbled with white..... 10 & 20

Aurata Elegant yellowish foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors. Perfectly exquisite. ...10 & 20

Antigone Beautiful marbled foliage and large sky-blue blossoms..... 10 & 20

One packet each of the four for 30c.

Sweet Peas.

Our Great Collection of Grand New Varieties.

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure in the sick room, adorn your frends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children, with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten manure, a little earth, and sow the seeds over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. Such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the largest size.

NEW DWARF SWEET PEA "CUPID."

See colored plate front of Catalogue.

TRAILING PEAS.

These are of a trailing and not of a climbing habit, and are the largest and most beautiful of all flowering Peas, they also commence blooming three weeks earlier. Colors, sky-blue and pure white, both mixed.....5 & 10

50 Grandest Named Sweet Peas.

All at 5 cts. per pkt, 10c. per oz.

Adonis—A fine shade of carmine rose.
Alba Magnifica—A fine pure white of good size.
America—Beautifully striped white and scarlet.
Apple Blossom—Lovely pink and rose standards, wings pale pink; large and fine.
Aurora—White, flaked and striped bright orange salmon Immense size.
Blanche Ferry Extra Early—The prettiest pink and white variety of all. Vine unusually bushy and compact. New extra early.
Blanche Burpee—Pure white, enormous size; three on a stem. Finest of its color.
Blushing Bride—Lovely blending, pink and white.
Boreatton—Deep maroon, large and stout.
Bronze King—Fine copper-red with pure white wings.
Butterfly—Pure white, laced with blue.
Cardinal—Fine rich cardinal red.
Captain of the Blues—Purple-blue, with lovely blue wings.
Celestial—Soft lavender; extra large and fine.
Countess of Radnor—Soft lavender, delicate and fine.
Crown Jewel—Creamy, tinted and veined with rose.
Catharine Tracy—Claimed to be the largest size, finest form and most delicately colored pink variety yet sent out.
Daybreak—White wings, red standards; fine.
Dorothy Tennant—Fine rose mauve; exquisite color.
Empress of India—Clean soft rose. Grand.
Emily Henderson—Lovely pure white; large size, really the finest white variety.

(SWEET PEAS, CONTINUED.)

Firefly—Large bright crimson scarlet.
Her Majesty—One of the grandest and newest sorts.
Ignea—Fine, deep scarlet crimson.
Indigo King—A deep rich blue. New.
Isa Eckford—Creamy white, mottled pink.
Juanita—Large, white, delicately striped lavender.
Lady Beaconsfield—Salmon pink with primrose yellow.
Lemon Gem—Lovely light lemon. Very delicate.
Mikado—Bright rosy pink, striped white; large.
Mrs. Eckford—A most delicate primrose yellow.
Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain—White, striped pale rose.
Monarch—Bronze crimson, with rich deep blue.
Mrs. Gladstone—Delicate pink and blush. Lovely.
Mrs. Sankey—Extra large, snow white.
Novelty—Pale carmine, laced rose.
Oddity—Pink, edged and laced with rose, and oddly curled edges.
Orange Prince—Bright orange pink, flushed scarlet; wings deep rose veined pink.
Peach Blossom—Large soft pink; delicate andfine.
Princess May—Soft lavender; delicate and pretty.
Princess Louise—Rich rosy pink with blue wings.
Painted Lady—Lovely pink and white.
Primrose—Fine primrose yellow. New and fine.
Purple Prince—Fine rich purple. A splendid sort.
Splendor—Large, purplish rose; very fine.
Stanley—Fine large deep maroon.
The Senator—Chocolate, shaded and striped.
The Queen—Soft pink with mauve wings.
Vesuvius—Brightly marked, mottled, spotted and shaded crimson, purple, violet, etc.
Waverly—Rosy scarlet; rose laced wings. Extra large.

All the above at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz.

SPECIAL OFFER—For only $1.00 we will send one packet each of these 50 distinct and magnificent sorts.

50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.—For 10c. we will send a packet containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of above varieties.

Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas—The finest mixture possible as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors; perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; ¼lb., 35c.; ½lb., 60c.; 1 lb., $1.10; 2 lbs., $2.00.

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double as shown on this plate. Very beautiful and attractive.

Double Pink.
Double Scarlet.
Double Black.
Double Blue.
Double White.
Double Mixed, all colors.

Above double Sweet Peas, 10c. per pkt.; the 6 pkts for 40c.

Everlasting Flowers.

Flowers of eternal beauty—those which never fade—are offered on this page. They are unsurpassed for winter decoration and may be made up into bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. They last for years by being cut and dried when in bud and blossom. The following are all exceptionally beautiful and easily grown.

AMMOBIUM ALATUM—A very useful everlasting. Plant robust and great bloomer. Flowers pure white and double. Dry as recommended for Acroclinium, and be sure to cut plenty of buds, as they dry beautifully,and are useful to contrast with the full-blown flowers.

ACROCLINIUM—Probably the most beautiful everlasting known. Flowers pure pearly white, or an exquisite soft clear shade of pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open or the center becomes discolored. Hang the bunches, heads downward, in the shade to dry, and the flowers will appear as perfect as when gathered. One foot high.

Mixed Colors—Very fine.....5 & 10
New Double, Mixed Colors—Large and fuller than the above.....10 & 20

COMPHRENA—Remove cottony covering from seeds, and start in heat, if possible. Good for garden, and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clove-like blooms, altogether different in appearance from any other everlasting, and very attractive buds as well as full-blown flowers, extra fine for winter bouquets. Mixed colors..5 & 10

RHODANTHE—A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this delicate class. Try it by all means and cut blooms early for drying.

Manglesi—Bright pink and, white, mixed.....5 & 10

HELICHRYSUM—One of the most beautiful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late in autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shade not otherwise odtainable in everlastings, and used in wreaths, crosses, and winter bouquets. Flowers should be picked before fully expanded, especially for dyeing.

Monstrosum—Mixed colors, very large.....5 & 10
Dwarf—Mixed colors, compact and free flowering..... 5 & 10
Fire Ball—Deep fiery red, large and double; new.....5 & 10
Golden Ball—Golden yellow; new.....5 & 10
Snow Ball—Pure white.....5 & 10

XERANTHEMUM—An easily grown everlasting, and furnishes the only shades of blue and purple to be found in this class.

Mixed Colors.....5 & 10
Superissima—Double blue.....5 & 10

Ornamental Grasses.

The everlasting would be quite useless without their setting of soft, pretty grasses in winter bouquets. Grow a good quantity of these elegant grasses. There are many of them quite ornamental in the garden and are all useful for cutting for summer bouquets, as well as for drying for winter or for dyeing.

All the Best Sorts Mixed—Per oz., 25c.....5 & 10

Special Offer—*One packet each of all these Everlastings and Grasses for only 50c.*

Seeds for Window or Greenhouse Culture.

The satisfaction derived from the cultivation of house plants is not alone in seeing them bloom. There is joy in seeing them grow and develop day by day, and the one who starts a plant from seed and rears it up to bloom gets all the pleasure there is in the plant culture. Geraniums, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Gloxinias, Begonias, Heliotropes, etc., are easily grown from seed, and it is really fascinating to raise them in this way, watching each plant as it unfolds its bloom, noting its form, color and other characteristics, and when occasionally we discover an immensely fine one much superior to any we have ever before seen or heard of - the highest pleasure and satisfaction possible to get from plants and flowers is ours. It is from seed that all fine new varieties of house plants are produced, and it is not uncommon for a seedling Chrysanthemum or Carnation to be worth more than a thousand dollars. Our strains of all these seeds are much finer than are usually sold. They are the choicest which can be grown.

ABUTILON.

Abutilon.

As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any other house plant. Grows rapidly from seed and is soon in bloom. Leaves are very ornamental, and are often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers, borne the year around, in all colors—white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc. Per pkt.

Choicest Hybrids, Mixed All colors.....10 & 20

Acacia.

Shrubby plants with fine, fern-like foliage, and pretty, fragrant, tassel-like flowers. Profuse bloomer, and exceedingly graceful. Hardy in the South. Fine for pots. Mixed sorts.....5 & 10

Azalea Indica.

Well known and popular shrubby plants for window or greenhouse culture; of great beauty and fine flowering qualities.....10 & 20

Cyclamen.

There are few handsomer plants than the Cyclamen. The heart shaped foliage is beautifully shaped and marked, and the charming flowers borne on long footstalks above the crown of foliage, show exquisite shades of white, crimson, blush and pink, most flowers showing two colors. A good specimen will have from twenty-five to fifty flowers in full bloom at one time, and the plants remain in bloom for months together.

Persicum—Extra fine strains, all colors mixed.....5 & 10

Giganteum—Grand large flowering mixed.....10 & 20

Begonia.

One of the most beautiful of all window plants, handsome in foliage, and bearing great quantities of lovely flowers of wax-like texture, and exquisitely soft, delicate shades. Seeds are very fine and need care in sowing, but the flowers repay all care given. Seedlings bloom in from five to eight months' time. Per pkt.

Rare Varieties Mixed—This is a mixture of the newest and rarest named flowering Begonias. It includes many fine hybrids, and seed is saved from our noted collection of rare sorts. It will give magnificent results.....10 & 20

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids—Single mixed.....10 & 20

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids—Double mixed.....10 & 20

Vernon, Mixed Colors—Grand perpetual bloomers, including many colors, white, pink, crimson, etc...10 & 20

Vernon, New Crimson—Fine novelty.....10 & 20

" Dwarf—Growth is compact and stocky, attaining about one-half the size of the older type. The blossoms are produced freely and are set near to the foliage. It is a perfect little beauty of a plant. Blooms in three months. Color, dark crimson....10 & 20

Rex, Mixed Sorts Justly celebrated as the finest of ornamental pot plants. Superb large leaves, of exquisite and rich coloring. Our seed is saved from our finest collection of about 50 newest and best named sorts; cannot be excelled. It will give grand results.10 & 20

Cineraria.

A wondrously beautiful greenhouse or window plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer, and remove to house in fall. Use insecticides to keep free from aphis, and as flower buds show give good light. A beautiful plant, the large, luxuriant leaves surmounted in late winter and spring by immense panicles of magnificent large flowers of the most brilliant colors. Nothing could be more effective in the window; in fact no flower is more showy or effective, and the flowers last in full glory for two to three months. Colors exceedingly rich and velvety, ranging from crimson-black to pure white, through all the shades of crimsons and blues, frequently with large white centers or exquisite borders.

Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed—Large flowering prize varieties.....10 & 20

Grandiflora, Dwarf Mixed—Two to three inches; exquisite..10 & 20

Grandiflora, Dwarf White—Grand new pure white.....10 & 20

Grandiflora, Dwarf Azurea Lovely sky blue..... 10 & 20

Double Flowered—Extra choice mixed .....10 & 20

Special Mixed Packet of Selected Cineraria.

Both double and single, which is saved only from premium plants. 30c. per pkt.

Carnation.

A favorite with everyone. Fragrant double flowers of elegant form and exquisite markings. Seeds and plants grow as freely as the old Garden Pink. Spring sown seeds make fine winter-blooming plants. Per pkt.

Monthly, or Perpetual—Mixed greenhouse sorts.....10 & 20

Hardy Hybrids—Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed.....10 & 20

Margaret—Fine, early bloomers. See page 53.....5 & 10

Chebaud Early French—A fine strain, combining the earliness of Margaret with the large and perfect blossoms of the Perpetuals.....10 & 20

CARNATION.

Calceolaria.

Not one in ten of our customers have ever seen a Calceolaria in bloom, yet it is one of the handsomest and most striking pot plants we know of. Seeds fine, and must be sown with care, but after they are fairly up they grow well, and will bloom the next winter. Each plant bears hundred of pocket-like flowers, spotted and marked in the most curious manner. Our great show of Calceolarias during the late winter and spring months is one of the noted attractions of Floral Park.

Dwarf Hybrids—Large flowering, mixed colors.....10 & 20

Grandiflora—Spotted and tigred as well as fine self colors; very large and exceedingly fine.....10 & 20

Special Mixed Packet of Selected Calceolaria.

Saved from premium plants of the most gloriously spotted and tigred sorts. 30c. per pkt.

Chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the spring will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. No matter how many plants you raise, no two will be alike, and some are likely to be very valuable. All colors, shapes, sizes and varieties will be produced. The great beauty of a collection of seedling Chrysanthemums cannot be appreciated until it is seen. They are grand and are very easily raised. Seeds germinate freely and quickly, and the plants being of a hardy and robust nature, make a rapid growth.

Extra Choice—All colors and varieties, mixed.....10 & 20
Ostrich Plume—Fine mixed; all of hairy varieties...10 & 20
Pompon Mixed Colors.....10 & 20

Camelia Japonica.

We have received from Japan a quantity of seed of the well known and ever beautiful Camelia. It germinates readily, and the plants makes a rapid growth. The seed was saved from plants of different colors and is said to be a mixture of the finest sorts.....10 & 20

CAMELIA JAPONICA.

Fuchsia.

Lovely pot plants, which bloom profusely at all times. Grows readily from seed, and many fine new sorts.

Mixed Hybrids—Finest seed form best named sorts...10 & 20
Cocciner—Lovely scarlet; blooms in great profusion..5 & 10
Procumbens—Lovely drooping vine; fine for baskets.10 & 20

Clianthus Dampieri.

This ranks as one of the very choicest of all flowers. In brilliancy of color there is nothing which can surpass it. The blossoms are borne in large clusters, and are of the most intense scarlet color with a jet black center. The plant is of a trailing habit, with very handsome foliage, and blooms profusely either as a pot plant or when planted out...10 & 20

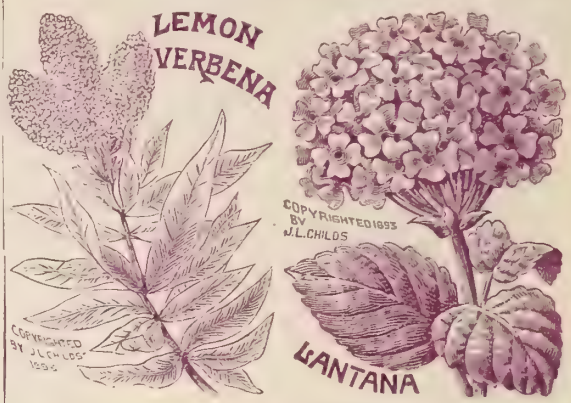
Gloxinia.

The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Seedlings grow well, and if given good care will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving larger and better flowers than can be had from old bulbs. Per pkt.

French Hybrids—Splendid mixed; finest varieties....10 & 20
Tigred and Spotted—Mixed all beautifully spotted.10 & 20
Crassifolia Erecta—Mixed colors; all erect bloomers.10 & 20
Pure White—The most heavenly of all flowers.....10 & 20

Lemon Verbena.

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use in bouquets and other floral work.....10 & 20



Lantana.

A little slow to germinate, but seedlings grow rapidly, and soon make thrifty plants. An extra fine bedding plant with very brilliant verbena-like flowers. We offer a very fine strain. Flowers in all shade of vermillion, orange, lemon, white and pink. Mixed colors.....10 & 20

Musa Ensette.

Fine single specimens of this are grand beyond description, and give a massive, tropical effect that nothing else can equal. It grows several feet high the first season, with huge, wide-spreading leaves that dwarf everything near it. Give sun, rich soil and abundance of water.....10 & 20

Palms.

Grand decorative plants for the house or piazza, and increase in value each year. Easily grown from seeds, which are slow but quite sure to germinate.

Mixed Sorts—Many varieties.....10 & 20
Filifera, or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown.....5 & 10

Oleander.

Well-known shrubby plants for tub culture. Very beautiful when in bloom.

Mixed Sorts—All colors.....10 & 20

LEMOINE'S NEW HELIOTROPE.

Heliotrope.

LEMOINE'S NEW EARLY FLOWERING GIANT.

This new strain of Heliotrope, blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the color range from indigo-black though all shades of blue to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eyes. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts. A packet of this seed will furnish you a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn which would cost several dollars were you to purchase the plants, and give you great handfuls of the delicious blossoms all summer.....10 & 20

Geranium.

Very easily grown from seeds, and if started early will bloom the first summer and fall. Seedling plants are always healthy and make a strong luxuriant growth, blooming more freely than old plants. Any one can produce magnificent results growing Geraniums from seed, and we advise all our customers to try it.

Zonale, Extra Choice—Mixed, from finest new large flowered varieties.....10 & 20

Pure White—Fine clear color.....10 & 20

Deep Pink—Superb.....10 & 20

Brilliant Scarlet.....5 & 10

Bronze and Gold—Very fine foliage.....10 & 20

Souvenir de Mirande—Saved from fine marbled varieties of the Mirande type. Distinct and very beautiful.....10 & 20

Apple Scented—Very delightfully scented leaves....10 & 20

Double Mixed—Saved especially for us from the finest new sorts and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....10 & 20

Pelargonium or Lady Washington—Fine mixed. These are perfectly magnificent, but seed is so scarce that only a very little can be given in a 10c. pkt....10 & 20

Ivy Leaved—Double and Single mixed; extra fine with magnificent trusses of bright colored flowers, and a beautiful trailing habit with rich Ivy-like foliage.10 & 20

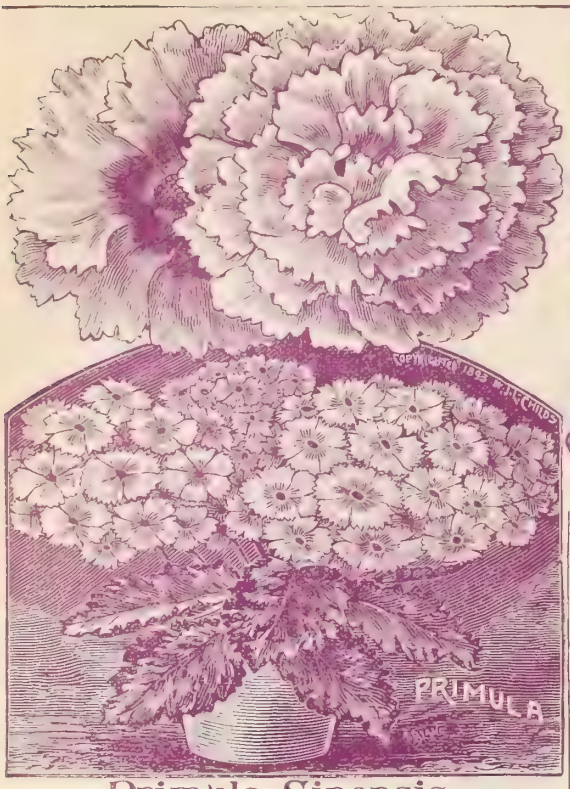
GERANIUM

Ferns.

Ferns are exquisite for table or drawing-room decorations, wardian cases, hanging baskets or rockeries. Spores are very fine, and should be surface sown on sifted soil, and covered with glass. If sown in ordinary pot saucers, necessary moisture can be supplied by placing a saucer of soil inside of a large saucer that has been filled with water.....10 & 20

Freesia.

It is not generally known that these beautiful, fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in four months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time in pots, and boxes, or frames of light, rich soil. They will soon germinate, and under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within four months from time sowing..10 & 20



Primula Sinensis.

Ask any florist you will for a list of good house plants, and one of the very first plants he mentions will be the Primula. Everyone counts them as one of the "must haves" of winter bloomers, and with good reason. Easy to grow, pretty in leaf, handsome in flower and continuously in bloom for months at a time. These merits alone would earn it a place in every window, but when we add that it is one of the plants never attacked by insects and that it will blossom in a sunless window, where a Geranium or Heliotrope would never show a bud, it is a clear that the smallest collection would never be complete without it. Young vigorous plants are always the best, and are easily grown if the seed is sown on light, porous soil, underlaid with charcoal, and kept moist, but not wet, until the seeds germinate, which will be in about two weeks. Give the young plants plenty of air and plunge pots in the summer in cool shady places. In potting see that the soil at rim of pot is lower than in the center, as water standing on the crown rots them. In the house they will stand plenty of light, but not hot sun. Our seed is saved from the choicest strains and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors. Per pkt.

Mixed—Very good; from a fine collection.....5 & 10

Fimbriata Filicifolia—Mixed; (fern-leaved) beautiful cut-leaved foliage.....10 & 20

Fimbriata Globosa—Mixed colors. This is a new strain of Fimbriata, with unusually large flowers of great substance, and colors very clear and pleasing, such as pure white with large lemon eye, deep red, carmine, white and pink, striped, flaked with other colors, etc. Extra fine for pot culture.....10 & 20

Fimbriata Cristata Hybrids—Fine new hybrid strain with crisped foliage and producing a great diversity of colors from white to deep crimson.....10 & 20

Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors—The double Primulas are among the choices of all window plants, and the admiration of all who see them. All colors, mixed, an extra choice strain.....10 & 20

Obconica—Strong plants of this are everbloomers, flowering for ten or twelve months at a time without a day's intermission. Flowers in umbels well above the foliage, white, tinted with pale lilac. Quite unlike other Primulas, being a distinct species.....10 & 20

Auricula, Mixed Hybrids—Elegant large flowering strain of rich colors.....10 & 20

Special Mixed Packet of Selected Primulas.

We have secured some special selected seed of the finest Fimbriated Single and Double Primulas, a glorious mixture of the best colors from best flowers, which we can offer at 30c, per pkt.

Smilax.

This elegant vine is easily grown from seed, which, though slow to germinate, is sure to grow. Not only a fine window vine, but exceedingly fine for outdoor planting wherever a small growing vine is wanted. In the open ground it grows luxuriantly, furnishing great quantities of its dainty, glossy-green sprays that are exquisite to use in cut flower work, and remains fresh and green until after early frosts. In the house it requires good light and freedom from dust. Its feathery little blooms are delicately fragrant, but its chief merit is its exquisitely beautiful foliage.....5 & 10

Tea.

Everybody is interested in the Tea plant of China, and such a plant is always an attraction and a curiosity in any window. The Tea plant grows readily from seed, and makes a very ornamental foliage pot plant, as well as an interesting one. It often takes the seed, which are large, a month to germinate.....10 & 20

Swainsonia.

Lovely pot plants, blooming freely all the time. Foliage as well as flowers is exquisitely handsome. One of the very finest of all pot plants for constant blooming. Flowers closely resemble Sweet Peas, and are borne in large clusters. There are two colors, white and pink. We offer fine plants of both sorts on another page.

Mixed Colors—White and pink.....10 & 10

Violet.

A fine collection of many fine varieties and colors—blue, lavender, white. Many of the finest scented varieties are included.

Mixed Sorts.....10 & 20

HARDY PERENNIALS.

These are all hardy plants which live in the garden year after year, blooming every spring or summer, with little or no care. They are exceedingly beautiful, while many of them are among the brightest gems of the floral kingdom. As a rule, they bloom early in the spring, when the garden is almost destitute of flowers. What garden is complete without the Sweet William, Digitalis, Delphinium, Aquilegia, Hollyhock, etc.? Do not fail to sow seed of a good collection of these beautiful hardy plants this season; they will be a joy for the rest of your lifetime. Sow seed in the open ground any time from May 1st to the end of July.

Aquilegia.

One of the best of the early summer perennials. Curious flowers, extremely graceful and beautiful, and borne in great quantities high above the foliage, which itself is very beautiful and attractive. Extra fine for cutting. Per pkt.

Prize Mixture—This strain embraces more than one hundred varieties, double and single, and of all shapes and colors.....5 & 10

Chrysantha—Large golden yellow.....10 & 20

Campanula.

Beautiful plants for house or border culture. Large bell-shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Sow seed early in open ground, cover lightly and thin plants to stand twelve inches apart.

Double, Mixed Colors—A fine strain.....5 & 10

Coreopsis Lanceolata.

Graceful and profuse blooming plant with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms far above the foliage makes it a capital bedder.....5 & 10

Candytuft. (*Iberis.*)

One of the very best early perennials, extra fine for cemetery use, as the plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce, and as the plants are perfectly hardy they need no fussing with. Those who have never grown the Iberis have missed a floral treat.

Pruiti—Dwarf, extra early and fine.....10 & 20

Sempervirens—Large flowering, pure white.....5 & 10

Hibiscus, Hardy Hybrids.

A fast growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter kill, and in midsummer, when shrubbery flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc.; the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September.....10 & 20

Digitalis.

One of our special favorites. This, with the double Hollyhock and the Delphinium, form a stately trio of tall-growing plants than which nothing finer can be chosen for backgrounds, center of wide borders, interspersing with shrubbery, etc. If plants are not allowed to seed, they are crowned for months by long pyramidal spides of lovely pendant thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy blush, or exquisitely shaded or spotted. The blooms are nearly or quite two inches in length, and lap each other with the utmost regularity. For the center of large bouquets they are almost equal to spikes of Gladiolus.

Gloxinoides Grandiflora—A strain with large, beautiful Gloxinia-like blossoms. Extra.....5 & 10

Delphinium.

One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seeds in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will bloom the first summer. Very hardy. Give half shade.

Mixed Colors—All sorts.....5 & 10

Hollyhock.

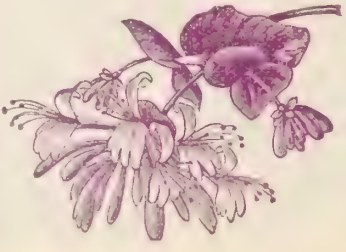
One of the finest of all perennials, and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the pure white Hollyhock are as fine for all floral work as the most double Rose or Camelia. If seeds are started very early, plants often bloom the next September.

Per pkt.

Double White—Pure and true.....10 & 20
" **Magenta**—Fine bright color.....5 & 10
" **Lemon**—Pure, bright lemon color.....5 & 10
" **Pink**—Very delicate and pretty.....5 & 10
Midnight—Double black.....10 & 20
Double, Mixed Colors—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....10 & 20
Gem of Yellow—This is a new sort, very dwarf and very double, and of the finest brilliant yellow color. The flowers set so close on the stalks that it is one gigantic mass of bloom. It is the finest of all Hollyhocks.....10 & 20

One paper each of the above seven sorts 40c.

HONEYSUCKLE.



Everyone knows the Honeysuckle with its delicious fragrance, but everyone does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming the second season with ordinary care. Fine young plants often spring up under our vines from self-sown seed.....5 & 10

Linum Perenne.

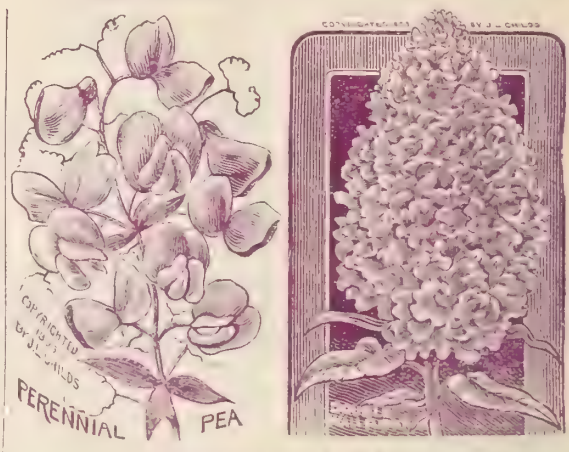
Not entirely new, yet little known and rarely seen, although it is one of those flowers of dainty beauty that is appreciated when seen; but can never be justly described. We will not attempt to convey to our readers the impression of its great beauty; this they can never know until they see it, but will say that it is a hardy perennial, sending up numerous stems which send out long, wiry branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tips of the branches are poised large, salver-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air. The effect is charming. No garden in the land should be without this exquisite flower.

Mixed Colors—Blue, white and pink.....10 & 20

Wallflower.

A favorite English flower somewhat like Ten-weeks Stocks. A half-hardy perennial; very fragrant and fine for cutting or for pots. Where winters are not very severe the Wallflower will live with protection and will bloom very early in spring.

Double Mixed Colors.....5 & 10



Perennial Pea.

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms constantly from early summer until late autumn, minding neither heat or cold, rain or drought. Plants of vigor and healthfulness, bearing a profusion of long-stalked clustered flowers, white, pink and deep rose in color, each flower an inch or more across. It is strange that they are so rarely seen, for they are easily grown, perfectly hardy, and so beautiful that we have never yet seen a person who did not admire their cheerful flowers and clear green foliage. Four to six feet in height.

Per pkt.

Mixed, All Colors.....5 & 10
Pure White—Superb.....5 & 10

Sweet William.

The favorite flower of our grandimothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.

Improved Mixed Colors—Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors.....5 & 10

Double Mixed Colors—Fine double blossoms.....10 & 20

Picotee Pinks.

These are really hardy Carnations, with flowers more delicate than other pinks and pleasantly fragrant. Though hardy they are stronger for a little protection over winter.

Mixed Colors—Large flowering.....5 & 10

Violet.

Seeds slow to germinate, but not at all hard to grow. Every garden should have a good bed of these fragrant favorites.

Garden Sorts Mixed.....5 & 10

Yucca Filamentosa.

The grandest evergreen plant we have for the lawn. The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental, but in midsummer they take on an added glory. Thick, woody flower-stalks are thrown up, growing as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across. A single panicle will contain 300 or more florets, and will be two feet in length.....5 & 10

Tree, Shrub and Vine Seed.

The following is a list of very desirable ornamental Trees, Shrubs, and Vines, all of which grow readily from seed. We cannot too strongly recommend them.

Japanese Maple, (ACER JAPONICA)—These are the most beautiful, unique, and the highest priced Ornamental Shrubs to be had, hence they are seldom seen. We have secured from Japan this year a quantity of seed saved from all the finest varieties, (of which there are hundreds,) from which our customers can grow a fine lot at little expense. When small they make most charming pot plants, the varied colors and patterns of the leaves making them highly attractive. As they get larger they may be planted permanently on the lawn as they are hardy, where they will make most beautiful objects. The leaves of the various sorts range in color from dark crimson to pink, green, white, etc., many being beautifully variegated and mottled. Besides their fine colors they are beautifully cut and divided, as shown above.....10 & 20

Ampelopsis Veichti—The ever lovely "Boston Ivy," or Japanese Woodbine. Finest of all hardy wall vines.5 & 10

Berberis, Mixed Varieties—Splendid ornamental shrubs.....5 & 10

Clematis Paniculata—A most superb new climber bearing enormous quantities of snow white blossoms. Grows readily from seed.....10 & 20

Clematis Davidiana—The unique bush Clematis, bearing a great profusion of blue blossoms.....10 & 20

Exochordia Grandiflora—A lovely Japanese flowering shrub. Grows freely from seed.....10 & 20

Mulberry, Russian—A splendid fruit-bearing tree....5 & 10

Pæony, Officinalis—Mixed; well-known garden plant.5 & 10

" **Tree**—Seed imported from Japan; the beautiful and famous Tree Pæony; all colors, mixed.....10 & 20

Paulownia Imperialis—Magnificent ornamental tree from Japan, producing great foliage and elegant Gloxinia-like blue flowers.....10 & 20

Rhododendron—Mixed. A well known shrub. The finest of all hardy flowering ornamentals.....10 & 20

Wisteria Sinensis—Lovely and well-known hardy flowering vine.....5 & 10

Lilium Tenuifolium.

This beautiful Lily grows freely from seed and blooms abundantly the second summer. A fine lot may be raised in this way.....10 & 10

Iris.

Too well known to need description. These superb flowering plants are easily grown from seed.

Kæmpferi—Mixed double and single.....10 & 20

Germanica—Fine mixed.....10 & 20

Siberica—Mixed colors.....5 & 10

VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower Seeds, on page 49, may be said about our Vegetable Seeds. We grow and offer but a limited number of varieties—only those which possess the greatest value for the home garden and the markets. These varieties are also special stocks, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection which it is possible to attain.

Beets and Turnips, round, smooth, uniform, tender; Cabbage, large, solid, crisp, sure-heading and long-keeping; Tomatoes, large, smooth, uniform, perfect in color, shape and quality; Lettuce, crisp, beautiful and delicious; Corn, rich, sugary, tender and perfect; Melons, of high flavor, quick and robust growth, perfect and luscious; Onions, uniform in size, perfect in shape, delicate in taste; Squashes, early and late, of high quality; Radishes, crisp, mild, perfect in shape and color, and of quick growth. These are all points which we have brought to perfection in our prize strains of Garden Vegetables. Our thousands of customers in every nook and corner of the country know this, and to them we refer those who have never used our Seeds. They can be found everywhere, for we supply nearly half a million planters direct, which is more than the combined output of any other two houses in the world, and is in itself the best possible endorsement of the high quality of our Seeds.

Asparagus.

The earliest vegetable of spring, with a delicious flavor as of green peas. Every family should have a large bed full. Seed grows very readily. Sow in rows one foot apart, and keep free from weeds. Transplant the second year into permanent beds, setting plants two feet apart. Have the ground very rich and mellow and give the soil an annual top dressing of rotten manure. Nothing more delicious than Asparagus tips stewed until tender, then season with butter, pepper and salt.

New Mammoth—The tender shoots used for cutting are freely produced, and are of enormous size, very tender, rich and delicate. It starts very early in spring and lasts in cutting condition eight weeks. The largest and finest sort grown. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; 20c. per oz.; $1.50 per lb. Fine two-year-old roots, 50c. per dozen; $2.50 per 100.

Artichoke, Globe.

This is cultivated for its unopened flower-buds, which are cooked like Asparagus. On established plants, these buds are borne constantly from September until frost when tender, succulent vegetables are getting scarce. Hardy perennial, easily grown in any good garden soil and lasts for many years. Sow seed in drills and transplant the next spring into permanent beds. Protect by light litter the first winter. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Beans.—(*Bush.*)

New Early Golden-eyed Wax—Ten days earlier than any other golden wax, and, moreover, is absolutely rust proof. An immense bearer, and pods tender and crisp. A superb market sort because of its beautiful color and uniformity. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Extra Early Refugee—The earliest strain of Refugee by ten days. One of the most profitable Beans ever grown. Loaded with pods in any season, and of a fine quality. Grown by all market gardeners, who are always quick to pick up a good thing and to stick to it after they once see it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Date Wax—A German sort of much merit, with tender, fleshy pods of a deep golden yellow, and entirely stringless. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Early Six Weeks—A standard variety of proven merit. Very reliable. Pkt; 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Yosemite Monster Wax—Mammoth pods 8 to 10 inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick-meated. Color a rich golden yellow, very clear and wax-like. Bush an enormous bearer, and sure to attract attention anywhere from the size of its great pods. Pkt., 10c., pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Refugee Wax—A splendid wax bean of finest quality and very early. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Improved Golden Wax—Large golden pods, tender and wax-like. A fine variety. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Lightning—While not quite equaling Jack's fabulous bean stalk, of the fairy tale, that grew up and blossomed in a night, it still is very early and needs to be closely watched when the beans begin to form, as a very few days from the blossom will give pods suitable for string beans. But they keep right on growing, and in a few days more the pods have toughened and not long after are fit for shelling. Besides being the earliest Bean, it is of fine quality and a great yielder. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Beans.—(*Pole.*)

A standard vegetable, fine for either "snap" or "shell," green or dry beans. Easily grown. Do not plant until the ground begins to get warm, and never hoe while the leaves are wet, as it tends to rust. Give pole sorts support early.

Golden Wax Flageolet—Deservedly a popular variety. Robust vines crowded with clusters of wax-like, golden-yellow pods, full, fleshy and stringless, and quality of the very best. A handsome light color when cooked. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

LAZY WIFE'S.

Lazy Wife's—The old standby. A good cornfield Bean, and unsurpassed as a general garden sort. Never fails to produce loads of round, thick-fleshed pods, fine for snaps and last long in perfect condition. Fine as a shell Bean also, and of superior quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Yard Long or Cuban Asparagus—This is a real curiosity. We have measured pods over three feet long, though two feet is a more common length. Quality very good, and pods freely borne. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 50c.

Early Golden Cluster--This bears a profusion of handsome golden pods, six to eight inches long, and continue in bearing a long time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 50c.

Childs' Horticultural—The old Horticultural, with the exception of the Limas, enjoyed the distinction of being the finest flavored Shell Bean known, and was also considered very fine as a Snap Bean. Unfortunately it was a poor bearer, but we have come into possession of a strain where this defect has been bred out. This new strain will be found to be as prolific and many seeded to the pod as any other first-class sort, while still retaining its rich flavor. Beans thick, large and round, white speckled and blotched with bright scarlet. A fine dry bean for baking or for stewing and serving with butter or cream. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

Lima Beans.

Burpee's Bush Lima—This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously into a fine circular bush two or three feet in diameter. This bush character is permanently established, and not two per cent. will attempt to throw up runners. Leaves of large size, healthy and vigorous, leathery and dark emerald green, showing great health and strong constitution. It is the only bush form of the large-seeded Lima, and ten times more valuable than the small-seeded sorts. Its yield is quite wonderful, each bush producing 50 to 200 large pods, well filled with beans of great size, and of the true, rich, luscious, Lima flavor. It is a matter of congratulation that we can now raise the true large Lima without the trouble and expense of obtaining and setting poles. It comes absolutely true from seed, and should be found in every garden now that we can offer it so cheaply. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.

Henderson's Bush Lima—This is a bush variety of the small Lima, a very rich, luscious Bean. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Mammoth Podded Lima—(KING OF THE GARDEN.) (Pole.) The Limas have a distinct, rich, buttery flavor, very different from all other sorts, and are much liked by most people, either to use green or dry. Used as Shell Beans only. We consider this variety the finest of all, with enormous pods containing four to six immense beans in each. Give a hot, sunny location. Boil until tender, pour off the water, and season with butter, salt and a little cream. Limas cook much quicker than any other beans and are incomparably richer. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Willow Leaf Lima—(Pole.) On account of its unique appearance, great productiveness and beauty, this is an extraordinary new Bean. It differs from all other Beans in its fine deeply cut willow-like foliage, wonderful rapidity of growth and enormous productiveness. Its slender, graceful growth and beautiful wavy green foliage make it quite an ornamental vine, while its rapidity of growth adapts it to positions on porches, verandas, etc., where shade is needed. In such a position it is not only doubly useful but ornamental. One can form some idea of its great productiveness when we state that as many as 1,729 pods have been counted on one vine. They are produced from early until late, are pure white in color, and of extra fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

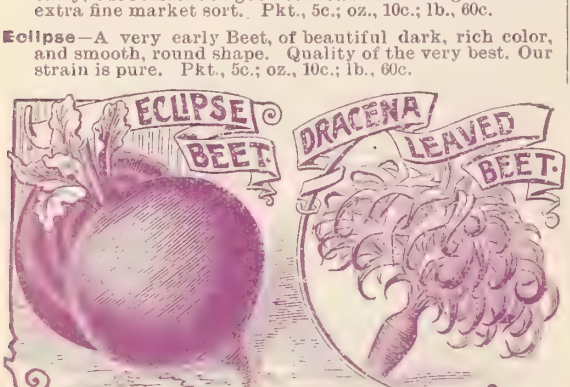
Childs' Horticultural Lima—(Pole.) This novelty is a cross between the old Horticultural Bean—the finest flavored of all common pole beans—and the pole Lima; the richest and most buttery flavored of all beans. In color and markings this new cross resembles the Horticultural, but is flat like the Lima, while the flavor is a combination of these two finest of all beans. This bean is fully three weeks earlier than any other Lima, and is also much more prolific. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of this are very fine for summer, fall and winter use, while the tops are very useful for greens. Vinegar in which Beets have been pickled is often used to pickle hard boiled eggs, as it gives them a beautiful color and pleasant flavor. When young and tender, Beets are most delicious if boiled or steamed until tender, then sliced or chopped into small pieces and seasoned with butter and pepper.

Edmand's Blood Turnip—This is winning golden opinions everywhere. Smooth, round shape, exceedingly sweet and tender, and never coarse tough or stringy. Very early, but remains in good condition for a long time. An extra fine market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Eclipse—A very early Beet, of beautiful dark, rich color, and smooth, round shape. Quality of the very best. Our strain is pure. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.



Dracena Leaved—Brought out as an ornamental leaved plant, which indeed it is; but the table quality of the roots is so very fine it is now classed among table Beets. Roots dark red, and very sweet and tender. Foliage long and narrow, deep metallic red. Pkt., 10c.; oz. 20c.

Detroit Early Dark Red Turnip—This is claimed to be perfection itself. Early, smooth, uniform, quick growth, small top, tender, and darkest red color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Black Queen—A fine new sort of extra fine appearance and quality. Flesh of rich, black-red color, and leaves and stalks partaking of the same ruddy color. Root pear-shaped, smooth, well buried in the ground. A very distinct variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Improved Early Blood Turnip—Very fine quality, and an old, popular sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Early Egyptian Dark Turnip—Another fine standard sort; very early, high flavored, sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots of fine quality. A great cropper and good keeper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Bastian's Blood Turnip—An early quick-growing sort, highly esteemed by all market gardeners, as it is large, deep red in color, and very tender and rich when cooked, never losing its fine color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Lane's White Sugar—This is the well-known "Sugar Beet," so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c · oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

One packet each of the above ten sorts, 50c.

GOLDEN TANKARD.

Mangel Wurzel Beets.

These giant Beets are grown mainly for stock feeding, and they produce enormous crops. The two following are best, and by far the most productive—in short all that can be desired.

Mammoth Long Red—This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it, and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots by express, at 30c. per lb.

Golden Tankard—A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large oval roots, much easier to pull than the long mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots by express, 30c. per lb.

Cauliflower.

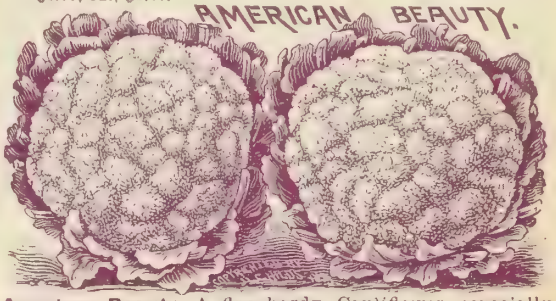
The most luscious of all the Cabbage family. Requires high cultivation and rich soil. Cook by steaming until tender, then dress with drawn butter and serve hot. It is one of the most delicious of garden vegetables.

Early Paris—A standard early sort, of compact habit, and fair-sized heads of good quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., $1.00.

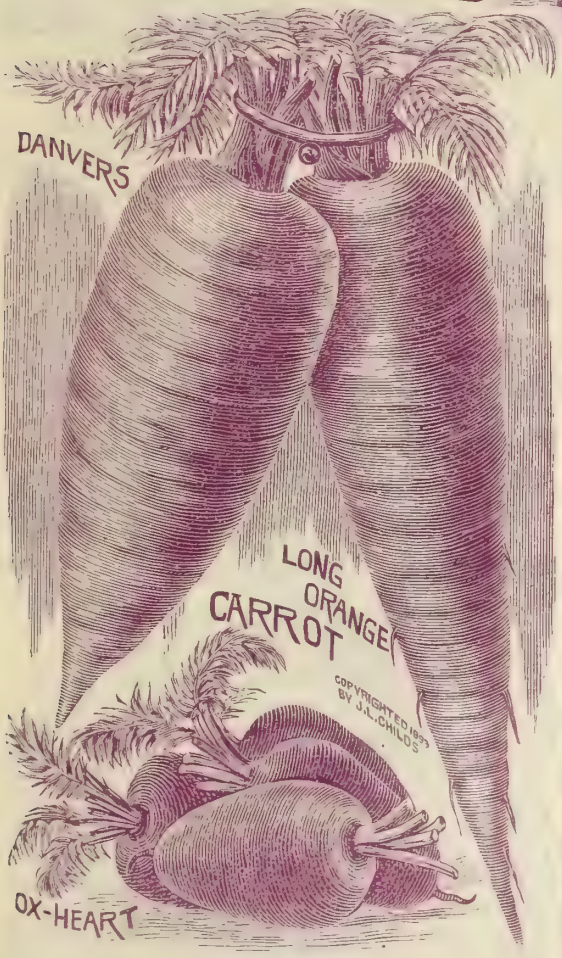
Large White French—Large white heads of finest quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 75c.

Snow Ball—One of the very best varieties for general culture. Dwarf, compact grower, with large heads of snowy whiteness and delicious flavor. This is a sure header, very early, but valuable for late as well as for early Cauliflowers. Pkt., 15.; oz., $2.50; lb., $30.

Earliest Dwarf Erfurt—Valuable for garden culture, and an extra fine forcing sort. Our strain of this is the finest to be had in Germany, and it is considered to be the perfection of all Cauliflowers. Pkt., 25c.; ½oz., $1.00; ½oz. $3.00; oz., $5.00.



American Beauty—A fine hardy Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate, as it is an American strain and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the very best. Pkt., 10c.; oz., $2.25.



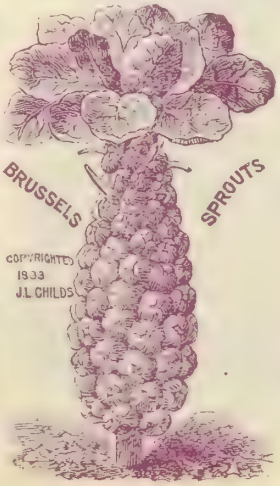
Carrot.

Popular both for table and stock. A heavy cropper. Roots can be kept for winter, like beets or turnips.

Danvers—(Private Stock.) The true strain. No better to be found anywhere. All gardeners know the importance of securing the best seed to grow really fine crops. This can be relied upon as the best seed to be obtained at any price. This will yield 30 tons per acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

Improved Long Orange—A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Oxheart—An early table sort; small and short, but fine grained and tender. Can be forced or sown in the garden for early use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.



Brussels Sprouts.

Defiance—A finely bred, large and tender strain of this delicious vegetable. Stem tall and covered with tender little heads or "sprouts" from top to bottom. Quality very fine when cooked and served like Cabbage. This splendid vegetable should be more generally grown. All who have tried it prefer it to Cabbage. It is easily grown, and those who once try it always grow it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Matchless—A variety of vigorous growth and fine solid sprouts of the very best quality. An extra fine sort, which is highly prized in Europe. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50

Cabbage.

There is no garden vegetable grown that success or failure so plainly depends upon the quality of seeds sown. Poor seed of Cabbage is dear at any price. Our seed is all raised on Long Island, where the finest Cabbages in the world are grown. We could buy common Cabbage seed for very much less, but we know our customers would rather pay a little more and get seed they can rely upon. Three things are necessary to raise fine Cabbages: Extra good seed, rich mellow soil and thorough cultivation.

Childs' Bismarck—This wonderful cabbage, introduced by us some years ago, was produced by cross-fertilizing extra fine strains of Drumhead, Flat Dutch and Large Drumhead Savoy; then by careful selection and saving for several years a type was established entirely distinct and, we believe, superior to any other Cabbage. It shows the Savoy blood by dark green color and slightly wavy leaves, though not crinkled. It possesses the largest size ever attained in Drumhead or Flat Dutch and the superb quality of the Savoy. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.75.

Early Long Island Wakefield—A standard variety, early and of fine quality. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.00.

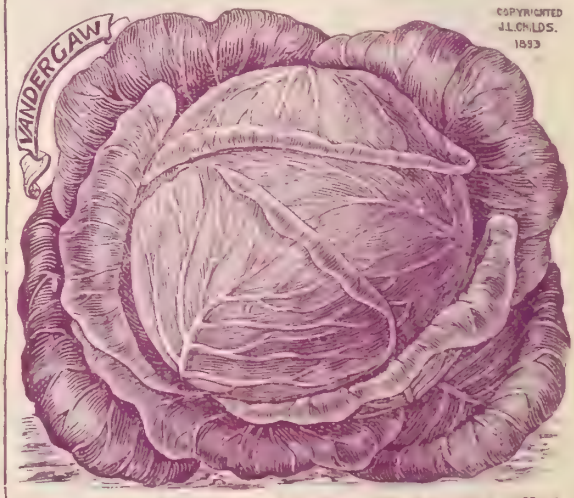
Newark Early Flat Dutch—An early large Cabbage of excellent quality of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Excelsior Large Flat Dutch—This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good and size large. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

True Surehead—This is also of the Flat Dutch type, and therefore very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round and flat, and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained, and of most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper, and is bound to become a universal favorite. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Winningstadt—This is a German variety; very distinct, with large, pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and exceedingly popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Red Dutch—The most popular pickling Cabbage. Large deep red. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $2.00.



Vandergaw—A highly bred Cabbage that could hardly be improved in any respect. Compact, short-stemmed, sure to head, with heads very uniform and hard, few outer leaves and quality of the very best; crisp, fine-grained, and delicate and delicious flavor. Can be used as second early, main crop, or as a late Cabbage, by sowing seed in succession. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

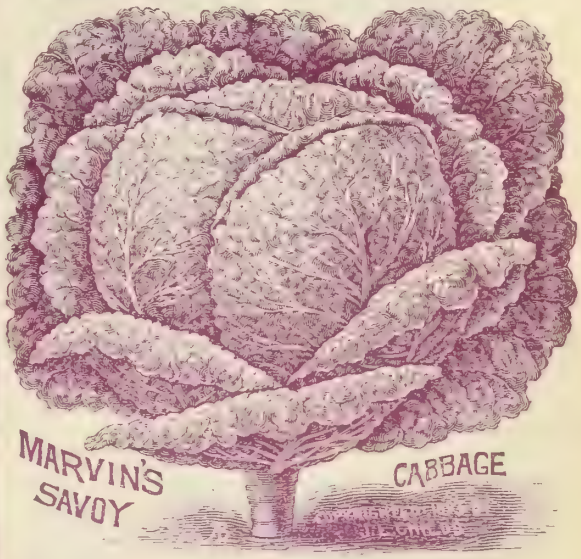
Long Island—A new early sort of great value, and one which can be grown for early, medium or late crops, either at the North or South. It is very early, of large size, uniform and a sure header; it does not burn or blister, but retains its lustrous, fresh green color even after being shipped to distant markets; hence its great selling qualities. By those who have grown it, it is said to be the most valuable Cabbage in cultivation, and from our experience we can say that it really is the finest and most profitable sort to grow, either North or South. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

World Beater—A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size and true to type, and a *very solid header*. No doubt it is the very best Mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated here on Long Island by a noted Cabbage grower. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.25.

All-Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for marketing almost as early as the standard early sorts. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Succession—A second early sort, of uniformly very large size, very full and handsome. A fine selling variety which always brings a good price. A Cabbage which has had a remarkable sale and is a general favorite everywhere among market gardeners. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.50.

Perfection Drumhead Savoy—The Savoy Cabbages are not nearly as much grown as they ought to be. Easily distinguished by their crisped, wrinkled leaves and their distinct marrow-like flavor when cooked, approaching the taste of Cauliflower more nearly than any other Cabbage. This is one of the best Savoys. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.



Marvins' Savoy—An extra fine Savoy. A sure header with large wrinkled heads, that are delightfully tender and crisp. A fall and winter Cabbage, keeping well and not losing its flavor. The best of all Savoys, which have the most delicious flavor and are more crisp and tender than other Cabbages. A superb sort for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Variegated—This is a unique novelty among vegetables and is a highly ornamental plant. It is of the ordinary size and habit of growth of a Cabbage, but the dark green leaves are streaked and blotched with white, rose, red and lilac, and when the plant attains its size it makes a splendid show when planted in rows or masses, or when grown as single specimens, especially in the autumn and during winter. Freezing only intensifies the beautiful coloring of the leaves, and during late fall and early winter it is an object of great beauty. While the ornamental character of this variety forms its main feature, and is of the greatest value; it is by no means useless as a vegetable, as it is a true-heading Cabbage, and the heads are of fair size and excellent quality, and owing to their great beauty, sell readily. Pkt., 10c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these fifteen finest Cabbages. It gives one a chance to ascertain the best sorts for their locality.

Sweet Corn

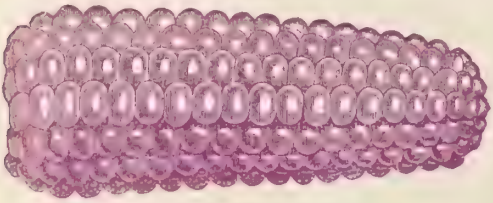
Every family garden ought to have a selection of Sweet Corn, from the earliest to the latest varieties. Fine for drying, as well as for summer table use.

Childs' Honey Dew—For years seedsmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory, with large ear, white cob and superb quality of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good sized ear, white cob, and large, pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet and nutritious. It also keeps a long time in good condition before hardening, and runs perfectly uniform, every ear exactly alike. It grows to medium height and the ears are formed low, and two or three on each stalk. Mr. Willard, the extensive seed-corn grower of Weathersfield, Conn., who grew an acre of the Honey Dew the past season, says: "It is the finest Early Corn." It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining as it does, good size and color, luscious quality, handsome appearance and long keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. We will send a peck by express for $1.00, or a bushel for $3.50.

Burbank's Early Maine—Claimed to be as early as the Cory. A fine table sort with creamy-white kernels, very sweet and juicy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Shoe Peg, Ne Plus Ultra, or Quaker Sweet—One of the very best eating varieties grown. An old sort, but none the less valuable on that account. Very deep kernels of the sweetest and most appetizing flavor, and one of the best of all for drying and canning. A prolific and thoroughly reliable Corn. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Mammoth—Immense ears of superb quality, very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first-class garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.



Pop Corn, Golden Tom Thumb—This Pop Corn only grows 18 inches high, and the dainty little ears only two inches long with smooth, golden-yellow kernels. It is not only very pretty, but it pops beautifully white and large, and is very crisp and tender. Its compact growth fits it for city or village lots. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Mixed Pop Corn—We have about a dozen fine new sorts of Pop Corn of superior merit. We offer seed of same mixed, at 10c. per pkt.; 30c. per pint.

Cory Extra Early—One of the most valuable early Corns grown. One to two weeks earlier than any other sort, except Childs' Honey Dew, while the ears are plump and of good size, and quality sweet, tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Evergreen—The standard late sort and probably the all round best Sweet Corn grown. It has magnificent large ears, deep kernels, small cob, and possesses the finest flavor, being tender and juicy. A favorite with everybody, and must have a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low flat hills from four to six feet apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverize sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotten manure in the soil of each hill, and plant from six to eight seeds in each, as some are apt to fail. If bugs appear, dust with slug shot or with lime and soot. Allow no fruit to ripen on vines. For pickles and late Cucumbers, seed can be sown as late as July.

Childs' Early Beauty—A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber, first offered last year. It is a sport from Early Siberian, and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian though twice as large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late stage of growth, and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing, etc., for it is not only earlier, but larger and much finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early White Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 35c.; lb., $3.00.

Long China—A very solid Cucumber, with few seeds, and growing eighteen to twenty inches long. A fine and prolific variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $1.25.

Thorburn's Everbearing—Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in it everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vines or not. Fine for table or for pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Childs' Ivory Monarch—The king of all Cucumbers, growing nearly two feet in length and weighing five or six pounds. Six times larger than any other sort. It is really a monster, and when half grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity make it one of the finest vegetables for exhibiting at fairs, and it never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid, with a very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its size, it has fewer seeds than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short, plump fruits in clusters, and if not allowed to ripen seed will bear from June until October, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps almost every other variety, root and branches. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Bennett's White Spine—(PRIVATE STOCK.) Our seed of this is saved from one of the finest stocks on Long Island, and Long Island leads the world on choice garden vegetables. These Cucumbers grows seven to ten inches long, uniformly plump and full to the very ends, a glossy dark green in color. A superior quality in every respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Early Green Cluster—A prolific variety, with crisp, brittle fruit. A fine pickling variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c., lb., 80c.

Emerald—A new sort, of beautiful shape and fine green color. Flesh tender and crisp and fine flavored and of beautiful appearance. It is valuable as an early sort for shipping, and is a great favorite in the South for this purpose. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Cherkin—Classed with Cucumbers, although really not a Cucumber at all. Small, thick, oval fruit, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Green Prolific Pickling—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Japanese Climbing—This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vines climb readily, and they may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens The fruits are of a fine lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh thick and firm and of splendid quality. Never bitter and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew and the fruit being raised well above the ground is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely a vine will continue bearing during the entire season and one hill will keep a good sized family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

One packet each of the eleven sorts, 75c.

GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.

Celery.

A vegetable at once healthful, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves and kidneys. Deliciously fresh, crisp, and nutty to the taste, and with the broad stalks ivory-white, waxy-yellow or rosy-red, tipped with finely compound leaflets of pale glaucous green, are ornaments to the finest table. Sow early in house or hot-bed, and transplant or sow outdoors when the ground becomes warm, making the soil very smooth. When plants are four or five inches high transplant, giving six inches between plants in the row. Have the soil very fine and rich, plant in trenches and as the plants grow, draw the earth closely around them to blanch the stems. Never do this in wet weather, or the stems will rust. South of the Ohio, Celery can remain in the ground all winter, with a little protection. In the North, plants should be taken up and stacked closely together, with soil firmed around the roots, and kept in cellar or pit for use.

Giant Pascal—A sport from the Golden Self-Blanching, of immense size, broad, thick, stringless stalks, remarkably crisp and nutty, easy to blanch, and the very best keeper of any Celery. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong. Fine market sort and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.00.

White Plume—One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine-grained and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Golden Self-Blanching—Fine to follow White Plume. An exceedingly fine-flavored sort, blanches easily to a beautiful golden yellow, and is very brittle and crisp. No garden complete without it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.50.

WHITE PLUME CELERY.

New Rose—A fine rose-colored Celery of high flavor, crisp and nutty. Much liked. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Fern Leaved—The quality of the Celery is very fine, while the leaves are finely cut and fringed almost like a fern. Fine for decoration of tables, being as beautiful as Parsley. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Giant Turnip-Rooted, or Celeriac—Stalks hollow, watery and worthless. Bulbs like a small turnip, with a pronounced celery flavor, excellent sliced and cooked for stews, salads, soups, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

One packet each of the six sorts, 50c.

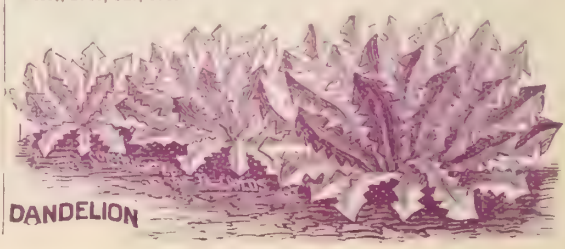
Cress—(*Peppergrass.*)

Extra Curled—An appetizing relish, of fresh, piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Splendid for canaries, who are very partial to it, and keep healthier for its use. Very easy to grow, and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Water Cress—Grown in moist, wet places, or at the edge of running streams. Increases rapidly, is very hardy, and as it is of an evergreen nature can be used all winter. A salad bowl heaped full of this Cress, of dark green leaves, is a pretty sight in January. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 35c.

Dandelion, Improved Large Leaved.

The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large tufty plants, with wide, long leaves of superior quality. These make a very healthful, nutritious and pleasant food, that can be used very early in the season. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



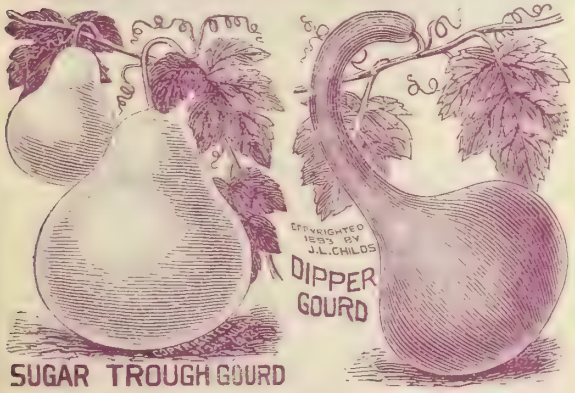
Gourds.

A class of rapid growing vines which produce an abundance of hard shelled fruits that are of much beauty and usefulness. The following are by far the most useful:

Nest Egg, Improved—A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit, that so closely resembles smooth, well-shaped hen's eggs that a hen might well be excused for claiming them as her own production. As the shells become very tough and hard they do not crack or burst open in freezing weather, and are thus very useful for nest eggs. Very ornamental as well as useful. This strain always comes true from seed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Dipper—Another useful Gourd, that, as the fruit is light and strong and does not rust or rot or heat easily, is just right to use in dipping hot liquids, soap, etc., besides being useful for bird's nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc. They hold from one pint to a quart and a half each. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Dish Cloth—Ornamental enough for a house vine and fruit very useful. Vines grow large and robust, with large luxuriant dark-green leaves and really handsome, large, crimped flowers of a rich golden-yellow. Fruit enormous, two feet in length and borne in great profusion. The lining of mature fruit when washed and bleached in sun is porous, tough, elastic, sponge-like, making the nicest, cleanest substitute for dish cloths and bath sponges imaginable, besides being very useful for various articles of fancy work. Start early. Pkt., 5c.



Sugar Trough—Enormous hard-shelled fruit, holding from three to ten gallons each, and as they never rust or rot, and are very light and strong, are just right to use as receptacles for lard, salt, seed corn, soap, etc., or to use as nesting boxes, buckets, etc. They last for years. Pkt., 10c.

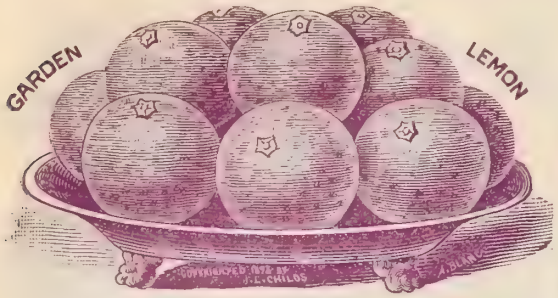
Spoon—A small Gourd, which is both useful and beautiful. Color creamy yellow, capped and striped green. Shell very hard and durable so that when the Gourds are cut open (the large part), we have a unique spoon or ladle, with a fine round handle. A most useful article in many ways. Free, rank grower. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Mixed Gourds, about 25 curious and useful sorts. Pkt., 5c.

Egg Plant.

New York Improved—Very popular in all the city markets. This is the earliest, finest and largest variety grown, and is a fine sort for either market or private garden. Start seed in hot-bed and transplant into warm, rich, mellow soil. The fruit is very handsome, large, smooth and round and of a rich, shining, purple-black color, and is borne until frost. Cook by cutting into half or quarter-inch slices, and after paring dip them into salted water for an hour, then dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat until golden brown. It has a meaty flavor much liked by everybody. This is absolutely the very finest strain of Egg Plant in cultivation. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., $4.00.

White Pearl—This new pure white egg plant is a most beautiful vegetable, as well as the finest in quality of all egg plants. Very tender, delicate and highly flavored. Ripens early, fruit of large size and borne freely. Really, one of the very best vegetable novelties in a long time, and one which we can highly recommend. Pkt., 15c.; 2 for 25c.



Garden Vine Fruit.

Carden Lemon—This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce, etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivate like the Muskmelon. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb. $1.40.

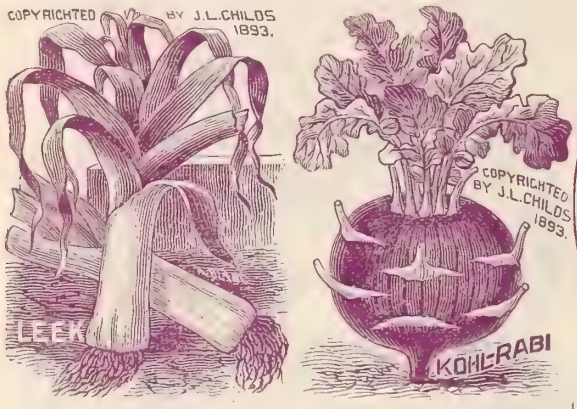
Vine Peach—This sort has fruits the size of a large peach, and of a bright orange color. Flesh firm, and when cooked with lemon to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles or preserves. Easily grown, and a good keeper. Stored in a cool dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Ground Cherry.

Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil and very prolific bearers of tender little fruits each enclosed in a husk. For pies, sauce, and preserves they are much liked, and if left in the husks will keep a long time in a cool dry room. Pkt., 5c.; oz.; 25c.

Kale, Dwarf German.

Kale is very easily grown and much hardier then any Cabbage, standing the winters well, if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves their flavor wonderfully, and they are particularly fine for winter and early spring greens. Sow seed in May or June and transplant as for Cabbage. For spring use they may be sown as late as September. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.



Leek, New Giant Italian.

The Leek is a very hardy, easily-grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor, and is much used for soups, stews, etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of the Onion. This is a new and very large variety, the best for general cultivation. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25.; lb., $2.00.

Kohl Rabi.

Extra Early Vienna—A curious vegetable, in appearance half way between a Turnip and a Cabbage, with a turnip-like swelling of the stem above ground, which, while young and tender, has a delicious Cauliflower-like flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Very easily grown. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Late Giant—An extraordinary sort on account of its enormous size; grows to weigh 20 pounds and is very tender and fine. A splendid show variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Okra, White Velvet.

The Okra, or "Gumbo," is very popular for making soups, stews, etc. This new sort is undeniably the best variety grown. Its large, thick pods are around and smooth and of an ivory-white color. It is a very profuse bearer, and is ornamental as well as useful. Pkt., 5c.; oz. 10c.; lb., 50c.

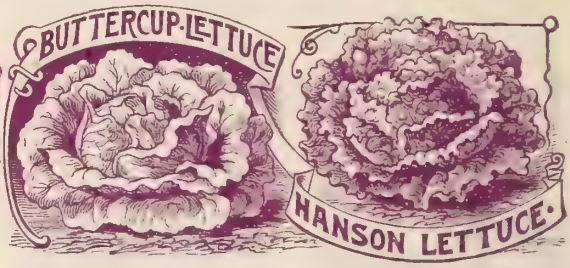
LETTUCE, CREAM BUTTER.

Lettuce.

An indispensable vegetable—certainly the finest salad plant known. Easily grown, either in hot-bed or garden, and can be sown very early. South of Mason and Dixon's line, can be sown in open ground in fall, and needs only a slight protection of straw or loose litter to be perfectly hardy.

Cream Butter—A crisp tender, richly flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color. Medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. This is one of the very best summer varieties of head Lettuce we have ever grown. Heads very solid, crisp, and of a beautiful and refreshing cream color. In quality it is very buttery and rich. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

New Hanson—Our Southern customers say this is the finest Lettuce they can grow. Plants large and uniform, perfect heads, quality superlatively fine, and stands heat extraordinarily well. There is probably no better large heading sort than this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c., lb., $1.00.



Buttercup—A beautiful golden sort, almost as ornamental as a Coleus. Large heads and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Denver Market, or Savoy—An early variety of head Lettuce, either for forcing or open ground. Forms large, solid heads of a good light green color. The leaves are beautifully marked and blistered (like Savoy Cabbage), and crisp and tender; of excellent flavor. This is in many respects a most unique lettuce, and one which will be very popular as soon as known, occupying the same place among Lettuces as Savoys do among Cabbages. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Childs' Half Century—We all know how much careful selection year after year has to do with the quality of our vegetables, but there are few things can claim a half-century's descent from only the choicest and best specimens of one type. This Lettuce can do so, however, and we are not surprised, therefore, at its superior qualities. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicious flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, that for tenderness, brittleness and delicious quality, this Lettuce grown in the open ground, surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling, if care is not used. It is a quick grower and attains its full size in forty to fifty days, and remains in fine condition for a very long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.50.

Tomhannock—Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot dry weather of midsummer without growing bitter, tough or running to seed. It makes a beautiful bunch a foot high, and even more across, and the leaves are delightfully crisp and tender. Light green, well bronzed. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Golden Heart—A very handsome, large-growing variety of rich golden yellow color. Good quality, grows quickly, and is ready to use early. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.50.

White Paris Cos This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing early or summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh 5 to 7 pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.35.

Tennisball—A very firm head Lettuce, and one of the very best of all for forcing. Largely grown for the critical Boston market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Boston Fine Curled—An early, beautiful sort, with beautifully curled green leaves, and very crisp and tender. This is a splendid sort for forcing in greenhouses or frames. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

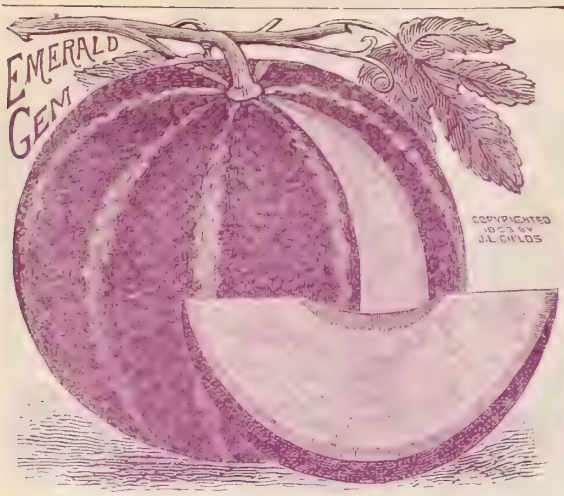
New Hard Head—Almost as solid as a Cabbage. Although it forms a head quickly, it stands a long time before seeding. Quality of the very best, and entirely free from bitterness. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Curled Simpson—A fine old sort, still able to hold its own against all new comers. In every respect this is a first class sort, and always popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.

Asparagus Lettuce.

A new variety of special merit. It is of very quick growth, producing very narrow leaves, 12 to 18 inches in length with a large tender and succulent midrib. This as well as the tender seed stem is used like Asparagus, and makes a very fine substitute. It is sure to become very popular. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

One packet each of the 13 sorts for 60c.

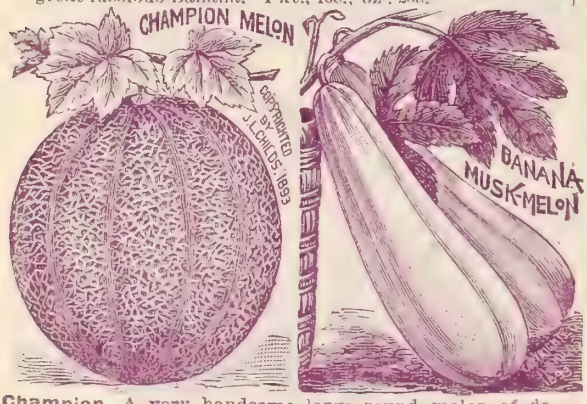


Muskmelon.

This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like Cucumbers.

Emerald Gem—In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium sized, round, with salmon flesh, so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. No other Muskmelon can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is the sort of all others for the home garden. It is rather soft and perishable for marketing, except near home. Where known in our villages and cities, the Emerald Gem easily brings double the price of any other sort, and for gardeners who deliver the melons to customers, or to the market direct, this is the most profitable where it is known. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Banana—A curious sort that is quite popular. Melons very slender, largest at the bottom end, and two or three feet long. A very fragrant variety, and if not picked until thoroughly ripe, of very good quality and flavor. Its flesh and flavor, as well as its shape, remind one of a great luscious Banana. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.



Champion—A very handsome, large, round melon, of delicious flavor and rich quality. A great cropper and a favorite market sort. A fine standard sort which will give great satisfaction in any locality. For shipping it is without doubt the very best of all Muskmelons. It keeps well, comes well, is of fine appearance and high quality. None better for market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Montreal Green Nutmeg—While not as large as the Great Combination, this is an uncommonly large melon and a great cropper; flesh green, very firm and delicious and unlike most varieties, does not lose flavor during wet or cloudy weather. Popular sort with Northern market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c., lb., 80c.

Childs' Great Combination—Great Combination is an appropriate name for a melon which combines the largest size, superb quality, fragrance, late ripening and long keeping qualities. In size it will average twice as large as any other Muskmelon we know, twenty or thirty pounds being its usual weight. It is very thick meated, rich apricot yellow in color and highly fragrant. In quality it is very rich and delicious, being equalled only by Emerald Gem. It is the last of all the Muskmelons to ripen and comes after all others have gone, which makes it a most important variety. Its keeping qualities are simply marvelous, for when carefully picked in September and stored in a cool place it is not unusual for it to keep a month in perfect condition. It has a splendid uniform shape, and its tremendous size makes it a giant among melons. A most valuable novelty which will be greatly appreciated. Per pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Princess—A new and superior variety for either market or home garden. The Melons are nearly round, deeply ribbed, very thick flesh of a rich salmon color, and very sweet and pleasant. Melons medium sized and quite early, and very handsome in appearance. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Bay View—A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

Winter Pineapple—A new melon of much value, owing to the fact that it can be kept until Christmas or later. The color of the flesh is a deep lemon-yellow, and the outer skin is dark green, marked with yellow. The quality is delicious, having a rich spicy flavor that is not possessed by any other fruit. These melons have much thicker and finer flesh than ordinary Muskmelons, hence their long keeping qualities. They very rarely ripen on the vines so the melons must be picked off in the fall and put in some cool place, where, however, there is no danger of freezing, until they are wanted. It is usually necessary to place them in a warm room for three or four days before using, so as to ripen thoroughly; in this way they can be had for the winter months. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

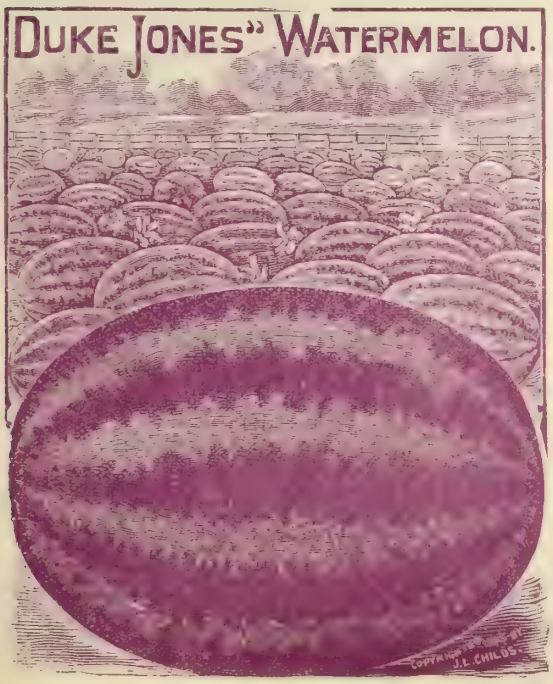
One packet each of the 8 sorts, 40c.

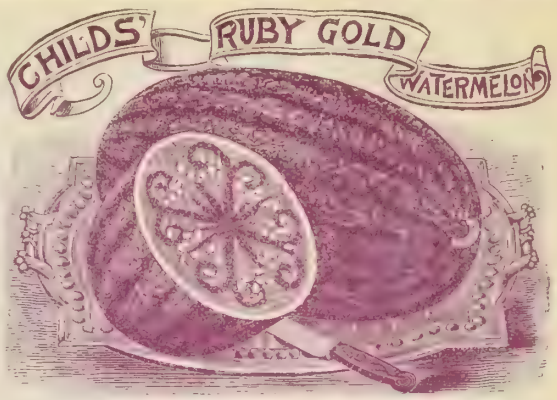
CLIMBING WATERMELON.

Watermelon.

Never plant Watermelons on hard, poor soil. Plant in large, deep, mellow hills, made very rich with well-rotted manure, and you will have great crops of this delicious vegetable, which to be had at its best, must be picked from one's own garden.

New Climbing—In Northern Russia, where the Watermelon does not mature in the open ground, this variety has been grown trained up on trellises under glass. In this country it does not, of course, need to be grown under glass, as it attains its greatest perfection in the open ground, and is the earliest Watermelon in cultivation, and one which is most unique in many particulars. The melons are freely produced and are spherical in shape, weighing four or five pounds, and a deep olive-green color. The rind is very thin and the flesh rich crimson; very juicy, melting and delicious. The seeds are black and very small, being more like good-sized apple seeds than like watermelon seeds. This is sure to become one of the most popular garden melons on account of its extreme earliness, and on account, also, of its most delicious quality and climbing habit. Pkt., 15c.; 3 for 30c.





Childs' Ruby Gold—A variety introduced by us. The most beautiful table Melon grown. Fine for table decorations, cut crosswise and alternated with slices of deep red melons. In shape the melons are a long oval, two feet or more in length, and will weigh 40 to 60 pounds each. The flesh is a rich, solid, golden-yellow, with star-like center of carmine or ruby-red, almost too beautiful to think of eating, yet its quality is as superior as its appearance. There is absolutely no core or hard spots in it, but the flesh is juicy, sweet, luscious, melting in the mouth almost like ice-cream. Lasts long in perfect condition without getting "stringy" or "mealy." Early, and sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Hungarian Honey—One of the most delicious varieties known, of an almost honey-like sweetness. Round, dark green melons that will average about ten pounds each; flesh rich and melting. Extra early and fine for the Northern States. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Phinney—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Mountain Sweet—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Seminole—An extra early large melon, of superior quality and a profuse bearer. Melons either gray or light green in color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Kolb's Gem—The celebrated Southern shipping variety. Will keep thirty days after pulling, and as the shell is very hard rarely bursts in shipping. Large and prolific, juicy and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Mammoth Iron Clad—Enormous melons, sometimes weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. Do not plant on heavy soil or they will come into bearing late. A superb melon. Flesh rich and sweet, shell hard and firm and melons will keep well for weeks after pulling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Kleckley's Sweet—The earliest large melon, weighing 40 to 60 pounds each and ripening in about seventy days from the time of planting. It is a great yielder, and in quality the sweetest, juciest, most crisp, solid and luscious. Grows two and one-half feet in length. Brilliant red inside, dark green without. A great novelty. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

White Gem—A very distinct variety, brought from China. Round, medium-sized melons of an ivory whiteness, faintly marked with pale green stripes. Pink flesh of most delicious flavor, sweet and crisp. Pkt., 10c.

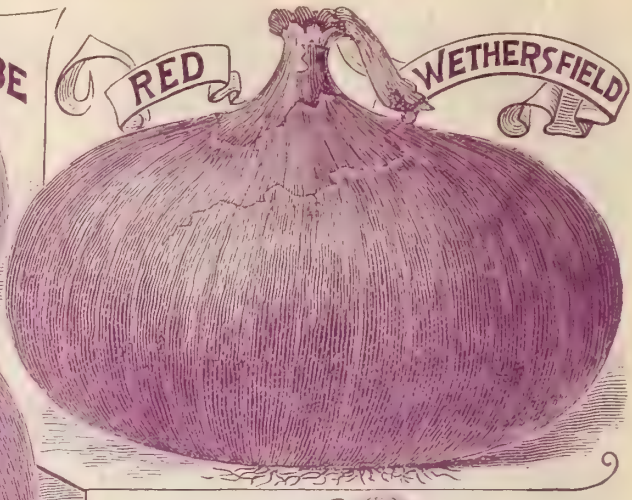
Dixie—A great Watermelon for the South for growing to ship to Northern markets early. It possesses the finest quality, combined with large size, handsome appearance, earliness, long keeping and excellent shipping qualities. It is so much earlier than Kolb's Gem that it gets into market in time to catch the highest prices. It is a great melon for marketing. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

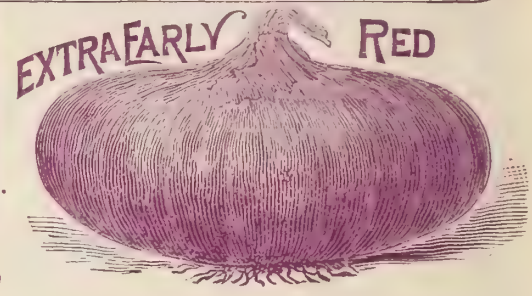
Cuban Queen—A very juicy, sweet variety, of the largest size, a special favorite with those who like their melons nearly all core. A splendid seller in the market, a good keeper, and enormously productive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Golden Nugget—A new melon of a splendid golden color; beautiful beyond imagination. Very delicious quality. Flesh crimson, sweet and juicy, with small seed. The golden colored rind makes this a most superb novelty. Pkt., 10c.

Duke Jones—Briefly, this is supposed to be the largest, handsomest, most prolific, and in other respects the finest Melon grown. Will average nearly fifty pounds each by the field, while some specimens reach nearly one hundred pounds. The greatest of bearers. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

One packet each of the fourteen sorts, 75c.





American Onions.

One of the most wholesome foods known, and much relished by most people. Most physicians agree that the free use of Onions as food is a healthful and beneficial stimulant to the system. In cases of colds, coughs and lung troubles they are often better than medicine. Certain it is that they are the best remedy for that new disease "La Grippe," and their use is one of the best preventives from taking it. The Onion is one of those vegetables with which success or failure depends largely upon the quality of seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds. We also offer a new Onion Set on 107th page.

Large Red Wethersfield—A favorite red-skinned sort, of large size and handsome appearance. Onions somewhat flattened, flesh purplish-white, high-flavored and keeps well without rotting. A standard sort and a great favorite with market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Yellow Globe Danvers—Another popular Onion, widely grown for market. Plump, handsome, yellow-skinned bulbs, very uniform, round and perfect. We have an extra fine strain of this. More seed of this Onion is annually sold than any other variety. It does well everywhere, in all soils and in all climates, and is everywhere a popular market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Extra Early Red—A quick growing variety, much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils where other sorts fail. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Southport White Globe—A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. A great favorite in most localities, and probably the most popular White Globe variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Italian Onions.

During the past few years Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth and attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large, but very uniform, perfect in shape, and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw they are of course greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor. These Onions do best on a rich, light or sandy soil, in a warm, and if possible, sheltered situation.

Mammoth Silver King—A superb Onion, that sometimes grows to weigh 3 or 4 pounds. Silver-skinned, white-fleshed very mild and tender. So mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. It has an average diameter of five to seven inches, making a circumference of fifteen to twenty inches. It is probably the most popular Italian Onion known to cultivation. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

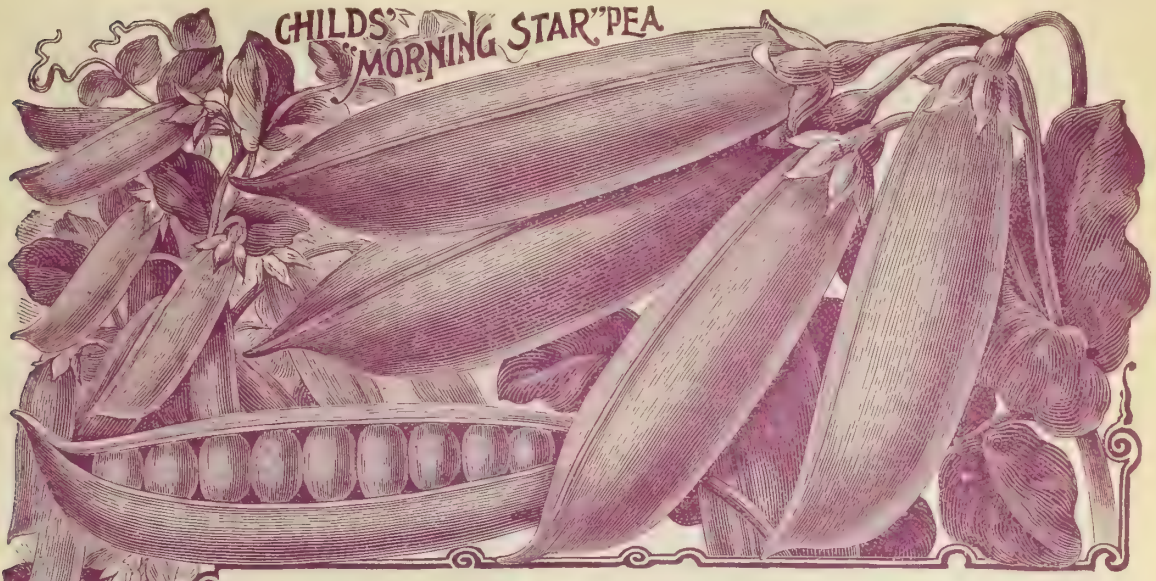
Prize Taker—A very large yellow globe Onion, very handsome, fine flavor, and grand sort for market. Immensely productive, producing 700 bushels to the acre, and is claimed by the introducer to be the largest, handsomest, finest flavored yellow globe Onion ever introduced. It is a good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

Mammoth Pompeii—A most remarkable Onion, on account of its enormous size and fine quality. They often grow to the weight of 4 or 5 lbs., with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish, or reddish brown color. Notwithstanding its great size it is exceedingly mild and fine grained. Extra fine, easy culture; good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Yellow Giant, or Zittau—An enormous yellow Onion, which cannot be too highly recommended. Notwithstanding its great size it is fine grained and of splendid quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Early Radish, or Barletta—The prettiest button-like little Onion imaginable. Small, flat and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion, and grows very readily from seed. Is used largely for eating raw like a Radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any Onion. Introduced by us several years ago as Early Radish, about the time it was introduced into France as the Barletta. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Special Offer. *We will send one packet each of the 9 sorts for 50c. One oz. each for $1.00.*



Peas.

This delicious vegetable is so much finer when freshly gathered than when allowed to shrivel for days in the market, that every family, if possible, should grow their own Peas. For early crop plant as soon as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and plant every two weeks thereafter for succession until summer.

Childs' Morning Star—*A new wrinkled Pea, earlier by a week than any of the small, round varieties.*—This was the greatest vegetable novelty of 1894. It is the earliest Pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. When this is once tried no other early Pea will be grown. Added to its other qualities it is exceedingly prolific and continues to bear longer than any other early sort. It grows 18 to 20 inches high and does not require bushing. Mr. William Falconer, gardener to Charles A. Dana, and editor of *Gardening*, says: "I ought to tell you about the 'Morning Star' wrinkled pea you let me try here two years ago. I sowed it in single rows in light, warm soil about the end of March, when I sowed round peas and Alpha and American Wonder. It astonished me by its earliness, coming in ahead, and it is a good cropper and of fine quality. Better still, itis the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use—sown August 1st—that I have ever grown." Mr. J. Goody, of Clare, Suffolk, England, writes: "Your pea, 'Morning Star,' beats any pea in England for a first crop." Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c. By express or freight, $1.25 per peck; $4.50 per bushel.

Stratagem—The largest, showiest Pea of all. So distinct even in growth as to attract the attention of every visitor. Luxuriant, large-leaved foliage, with enormous great pods holding from 7 to 9 large square Peas, dark green in color, and of surpassingly rich flavor. It is not an early variety, but does not turn "mealy" in the South, while still green, like the majority of late peas. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Everbearing—A fine sort for the home garden, as it does not ripen its pods at one crop, but continues in bearing a long time. Fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Childs' Universal—In Childs' Universal we have a new sort destined to become the universal garden favorite the world over. It was originated over ten years ago, since when it has been carefully selected and grown, until we now have what we believe is the most perfect pea in cultivation. It combines a dwarf habit with fine quality and enormous productiveness, the three essential features all in one sort. It can be styled a half-dwarf, not tall enough to require staking, yet branching freely and producing vine enough to give one of the largest crops any pea can yield. The Peas are of medium size, wrinkled and of exceedingly high flavor. It is medium early, and fine for succession if sown at intervals of two weeks. For a standard garden sort it must take the lead, being superior to Champion of England, inasmuch that it does not require staking. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Alaska—The best of all early round varieties, ripening ahead of all others, except Childs' Morning Star, and bearing great quantities of fine peas, richly flavored. A fine market Pea, as the whole crop matures at almost one time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 40c.

Champion of England—Still able to hold its own among all new comers as a Pea of superlatively fine quality. Late, and a heavy cropper. Unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

AMERICAN WONDER PEA.

American Wonder—An early wrinkled Pea of exquisite flavor, ready for the table in thirty to forty days after planting. Grows only a few inches high. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

McLean's Little Gem—An old standard Tom Thumb variety, still among the very best for a first crop Pea. Very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Pepper.

Our ancestors used to hold that none but hot-tempered people could grow Pepper successfully. We know better than that now, and have learned that the heat needs to be in the seed-bed or hot-bed, rather than in the temper, to bring the Pepper above ground. No trouble whatever to grow, when once up. Useful for culinary purposes, ornamental as pot-plants, and quite necessary to the health of all cage birds and poultry. Every garden ought to have a good bed of them.

Childs' Celestial, Improved—A fine sharp-flavored Pepper of transcendent beauty, setting its fruit early and continuing until cut down by frost. A well-grown plant will show peppers in every stage of growth, and in three or four different colors, according to the stage of ripeness—creamy white, pink and vivid scarlet, all on the bush together, a most novel and wonderful sight. Beautiful pot plants, in fact, few pot plants make such an attractive show as does the Pepper when in full bearing. It is perfectly charming, showing such quantities of fruit of so many distinct colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

PEPPER, RUBY KING.

Ruby King—The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruits, of a bright ruby-red color, which grows four to six inches long by three to four inches through. Added to their beautiful color, when ripe, is the fact that they are *remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste*; in this respect unequaled by any other Pepper. We cannot too strongly recommend the Ruby King—so mild and pleasant is their flavor that they can even be sliced and eaten with vinegar like tomatoes or cucumbers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Childs' Kaleidoscope—Beautiful enough to be classed among pot plants, yet with a fine sharp flavor that makes it valuable in the garden also. From the time the pretty plum-like peppers form until they are fully grown they are of a light yellowish-cream color. As they commence to ripen they change, first to a clear canary color then deepening to orange, then again turning to pink or rose, varying from shade to shade until they become a vivid shining scarlet. One of these pepper plants, with their dark green leaves, and hanging full of cream, pink yellow, rose and red fruits is exceedingly beautiful. A very easily grown house plant and an attractive one. It is enormously prolific, plants branching freely and weeping to the ground with their load of jewel-like fruit. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Childs' Ivory Tusk—A new Pepper of highly ornamental as well as useful qualities. It is a rank grower, the branches spreading out to a considerable length and bearing its long, tusk-like fruits from the base to the tip of every branch. Fruit about four inches long, usually of an ivory-white color but sometimes touched with a slight tinge of green. In ripening they turn to a most vivid scarlet, and present a most glowing and beautiful appearance on the plants, showing fruit of various colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Large Bell—A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. Pkt., 5c. oz., 25c.

Red Cluster—A dwarf sort, loaded with beautiful glossy scarlet fruits, which are particularly valued for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.50.

Black Nubian—A most novel sort. Long, tapering, sharp-pointed fruit, six inches long, and of a deep, glossy black color until fully ripe, when they change to a dark orange red. Fruit is very fiery, and is superior for flavoring for piccality, chow-chow, etc. Also a handsome and unique pot plant. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Peanut, Early Sweet.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stand heat and drouth like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.

Pot or Sweet Herbs.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc.

	Pkt.	oz.
Anise—For flavoring	5	10
Balm—Very fragrant leaves; medicinal	5	10
Caraway—Seed extensively used for flavoring	5	10
Coriander—Used for flavoring cakes, etc	5	10
Borage	5	10
Dill—Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles	5	20
Hoarhound—Used for curing coughs and colds	5	10
Lavender—Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing	5	40
Sage—Most useful of all; needed in every garden	5	20
Sweet Fennel	5	20
Sweet Marjoram—Pot herb	5	15
Tansy—For medicinal use	5	30
Thyme	5	40
Savory, Summer—Fine for flavoring dressing, etc.	5	15
Rosemary—Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventative	10	50
Wormwood—A splendid plant for poultry	5	25

One packet of the sixteen fine sorts, 50c.

Pumpkin.

Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Quaker Pie—What would Thanksgiving be without Pumpkin Pie? This Pumpkin furnishes fine-grained and rich flavored fruit, just what is wanted for a really good pie. Ripens early and keeps late. A prolific sort of a light yellow shade, very popular. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

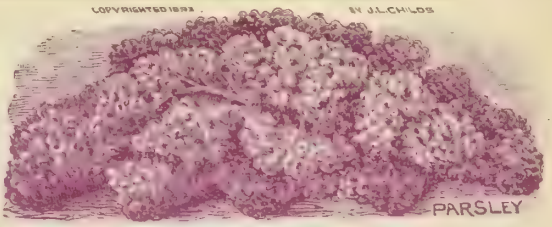
Genuine Mammoth or True Portion—This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fairs for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruits which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds in weight. Flesh bright yellow and of very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Parsnip.

One of the few winter vegetables. The roots are perfectly hardy, and are improved in flavor by the action of frost. Roots can be dug during thaws in winter or very early in spring, when a change of food is most relished. They are boiled whole, then sliced thin and fried brown with slices of salt pork.

Improved Guernsey—This is not the coarse Stock Guernsey, but the table variety of that name, the sweetest, finest grained Parsnip grown, and a heavy cropper. Smooth, thick roots, about 12 inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown—An old standard variety, of fine quality, with very long roots. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

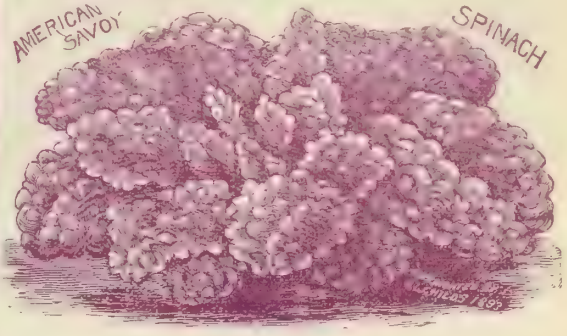


Parsley.

Hardy and easily grown. Very fine for garnishing, as well as useful in flavoring soups, etc.

Extra Double Curled—Mossy, curled and crisped leaves, very beautiful and of good quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

Beauty of the Parterre—One of the finest sorts for garnishings or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.



Spinach.

American Savoy—A heavy cropper, of fine quality and very hardy; succulent leaves, curled and crinkled like a Savoy Cabbage. Hardiest and most productive sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

New Zealand—A valuable new variety as it grows freely all summer and may be cut repeatedly. As fast as cut new shoots and leaves will grow out. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Strawberry.

We have all heard of the great size and luscious sweetness of the French Strawberries. They are certainly a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have secured seed of the finest, large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country. Strawberries are easily grown from seed, and it is interesting to note the different shapes, sizes and quality of the seedlings when they begin to fruit.

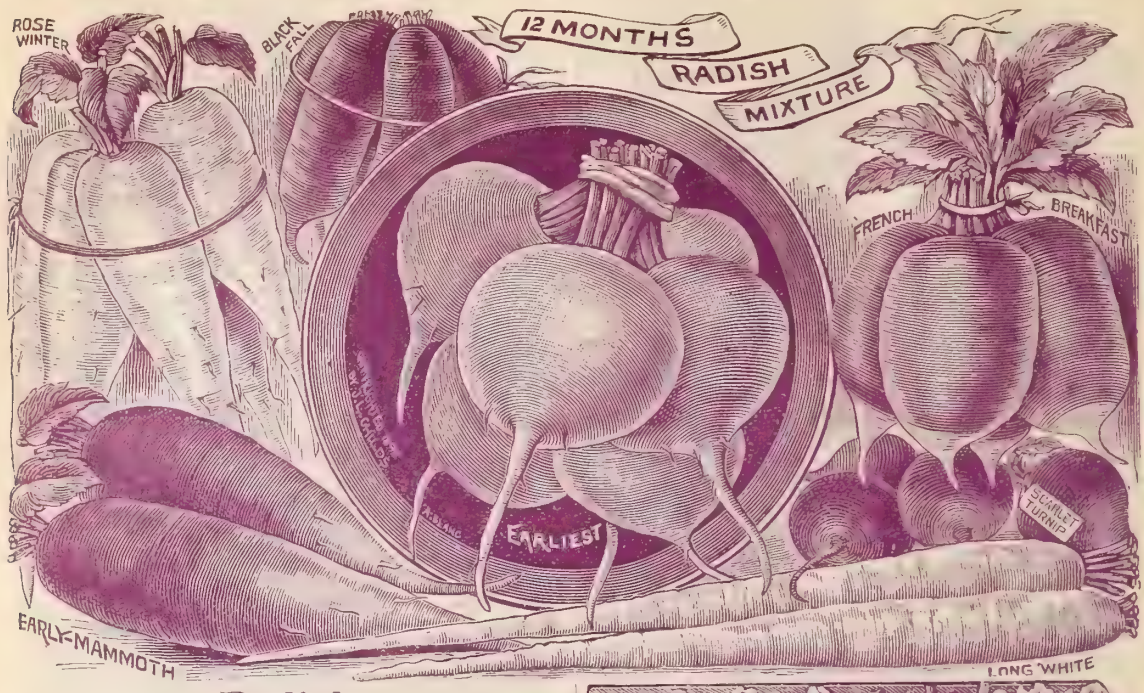
Large-Fruited Varieties—Mixed. Pkt., 10c.

Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.

One of the most delicious of all root vegetables. So hardy that it can be left in the ground all winter and dug as needed whenever the ground thaws. Stew until tender, then cook exactly like oysters, with pepper, cream and butter. Try a large bed of them this year. They are delightful.

Large White—A quick grower, very fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Sandwich Island Mammoth—Like the above, but twice the size. Cannot be praised too highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.40.



Radish.

Earliest Forcing—Earlier than any other sort, by a week. Bright scarlet turnip Radish, very smooth and round, with small tops, allowing it to be grown closely together in hot-bed or forcing bench. Fine also for out of door sowing. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.35.

Early Mammoth—Known also as "Shepherd" and "Chartier." This variety sometimes reaches the enormous length of two or three feet and is sometimes eight inches through at the top. A very quick growing variety, crisp, juicy and tender, and mild in flavor. Its color is a fresh pink and white, and for market has no superior among summer Radishes. It remains tender and good for several weeks after it is ready for use and is a splendid all-around Radish. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

French Breakfast—A very attractive pink and white Radish, olive shaped and with delicately flavored flesh, free from coarseness or any biting quality. A grand little table sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

White Vienna—Finest of all long white Radishes. Skin and flesh pure white, beautiful shape and fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Chinese Rose Winter—A handsome and superior mid-summer, fall and winter sort, of a lovely scarlet-rose color and large size. Flesh meaty, crisp and tender. Keep roots in soil for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

20 Day Express—Is fit for the table in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed and is fully grown in twenty-five days, at which time the Radish is about one inch in diamefer at the top, three inches in length and tapering to a point. Color, brightest, richest scarlet, tipped with white. Quality very mild, crisp and delicious. By far the best flavored Radish we have yet seen, and the most desirable for table use. The finest, and without doubt, the earliest Radish in cultivation. It combines all good points. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Sakurajima Mammoth—One of the good new things from Japan. It is of very quick growth, reaching an enormous size in a short time. Color pure white, crisp and tender and of remarkably mild and pleasant flavor. An ideal table radish. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Black Fall, or Spanish—Sow when you do turnips; large size and good keeper; crisp, coarse, pungent flesh, much relished in winter. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Twelve Months' Radish Mixture—A superb mixture of all kinds of Radishes, early, medium, fall, winter Chinese, etc. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious Radishes throughout the year. The early and medium ones as they mature and are pulled make room for the larger growth of the fall and winter varieties. This mixture is made up of twenty-five best varieties, and with it is necessary to make but one sowing for the entire year. This novel mixture was introduced by us two years ago, and our customers like it so well that last season we sold tons of it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ¼lb., 50c.; lb., 80c.

One packet each of above ten sorts, 50c.

SQUASHES

Squash.

A delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like pumpkins, makes very superior pies.

Ford Hook—A long, golden yellow Squash, with very dry and fine-grained flesh. This is one of the best winter Squashes, and an extra fine keeper, and the plants are so robust that failure is very rare. Resists the attacks of the Squash borer better than most kinds; matures early and is everywhere a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Metcalf—A Maine variety of extra fine quality, fine grained and dry. No better eating Squash can be found anywhere. A long winter keeper, good till spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Perfect Gem—This sort is good both for summer and winter use. Thin-skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep almost any length of time. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

Mammoth Chili—Specimens of this have been grown to reach 300 pounds in weight. Notwithstanding its enormous size, this Squash is of very fair quality and keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Mammoth Whale—A new French variety of the enormous weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow and of excellent quality. It has also the advantage of being a long keeper and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c.

Giant Summer Crookneck—A new Crookneck, which is a little earlier than the old variety, and fully twice as large, being nearly two feet in length. It is of extra fine quality, handsome in appearance and finds a ready sale at good prices in any market. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Japanese Alphabet—Its peculiar characteristic from which it derives its name is in the fact that its seeds are distinctly marked on both sides with characters which appear to be Japanese letters, and it is said that the Japanese alphabet may be selected from a handful of seed. Be this as it may, it is certainly curious and interesting, but this is not all. We find the Squash to be superior to the old Hubbard in quality, and a much stronger and freer grower, as easily raised in short as Pumpkins. For pies this variety excels all other Squashes or Pumpkins. It is a great novelty in every respect. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts., 35c.

Improved Hubbard—(PRIVATE STOCK.) No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost flavor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but it is absolutely true and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously-sweet Squash we all remember. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

Early Scallop—An early summer sort. Very fine and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

One packet each of the ten sorts for 75c.

Tomatoes.

An indispensable vegetable. City dwellers with almost no room can train their Tomatoes to their back wall and raise quantities of fine, fresh fruit for their own use. Start early in house or hot-bed; transplant just after a gentle rain, and tie plants to stake or trellis. They stand drought remarkably well. Just before frost pick all the well developed fruits, spread them singly in a light, frost-proof place, and they will continue ripening for two months or more.

Childs' Picture Rock—The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine, and it commences to ripen its fruit very early and continue in bearing until frost, a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit fresh from the vines have been kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during warm summer weather. It originated in the Picture Rock region of Wisconsin, hence its name. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Childs' Ruby Queen—Tomato of enormous size, and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid, very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is most tender. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. It is just the sort you would choose for your own table above all others. It is much like the Golden Jubilee, except in color, and is perhaps rounder and smoother in shape. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Childs' Diadem—The most novel and beautiful Tomato in cultivation. It is of full, beautiful round and perfect shape, with a dark ruby red skin which is streaked and speckled with bright golden yellow. For quality and productiveness there is no better sort than this. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

STATION TREE.

Station Tree—This variety originated by crossing the French Tree with Alpha, the result being a very distinct variety, with thick, curly, almost black-green foliage and great numbers of handsome, solid fruit, with the fewest seeds of any known variety. Tomatoes are of very fine quality and this sort is especially recommended for forcing, as it does extra well in pots, the earliest of all, and being of fine upright growth it requires but little room. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Ponderosa—A Tomato of large size, solid, of fine quality. Claimed to be the largest known sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Childs' Golden Jubilee—A fit companion to the Ruby Queen, and like it of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with very few seeds; flesh meaty and, like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort, especially when arranged with the deep rich slices of Ruby Queen on the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding. An important feature. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Ignotum—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Delicious flavor, very meaty and but few seeds. Fine for slicing, cooking or canning. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Volunteer—Everybody praises the Volunteer. Heavy continuous bearer of smooth, plump, solid flavor. Extra fine for either home or market garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.25.

Climbing Tomato—A novel Tomato of a climbing habit, that, if supported, climbs to a considerable height. A very unique ornament to the kitchen doorway or window when hanging full of its many large red fruits. Fruit smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.

Golden Fig—Fruit small, beautifully smooth and almost incredibly productive. The flesh is solid, thick-meated, very sweet and pleasant, and are just right for preserves or sweet pickles, or for drying in sugar like figs. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Peach—A distinct, medium sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach, and is of a soft peachy-red color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

One packet each of these 11 sorts for 50c.

Turnips.

A valuable garden and farm crop. Good Turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. For winter use sow last of July or first of August. Turnips may be sown late in ground that has been cropped with Peas or Beans early in the season.

Scarlet Kashmyr—This Turnip has a striking resemblance to a large Radish, being as round and uniform in shape, and crisp as a radish, and of the most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as the earliest radishes, being several weeks ahead of any other Turnip, and when cooked is of unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Early Ivory—A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a radish, and to a great extent resembles a large white winter radish. It is sweet and of first-class quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Early Flat Dutch—Clear, white skin, and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 45c.

Purple Top White Globe—A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Large Yellow Globe—A large round Turnip with deep yellow flesh and fine, firm grain; very sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Extra Early Milan—The earliest strap-leaved variety. A smooth, medium-sized variety, with a bright purple top. Fine quality and good keeper. Very delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

White Egg—Beautiful white, egg-shaped sort, of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine grained, sweet and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Grows to good size. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Tennoji—The Tennoji Turnip is a mammoth flat variety of excellent quality. It is impossible to say just how large it will grow under favorable conditions, but the Japanese claim is something incredible. Here in our trial grounds under the disadvantage of a crowded test-bed it has grown to the largest dimensions we have ever seen in a Turnip. Finest seed, just imported from Japan, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 35c.

Ruta-baga or Swede.

These are grown largely for stock feeding as well as for table use. For either purpose they are a profitable crop.

Carters' Elephant—A new Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect, and remarkably uniform, of quick growth and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is therefore, the most profitable variety for large crops especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Breadstone—A beautiful white ruta-baga, so remarkably tender that it will cook in fifteen minutes, while the flavor is uncommonly sweet and delicate. It is also a wonderful keeper, not growing pithy and dry like the ordinary Turnips when kept in the cellar over winter. Flesh perfectly white, fine grained, tender and sweet, without the strong taste so common among Ruta-bagas. Finest of all table varieties. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.

Improved American Ruta-baga—Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender, and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Onion.

Egyptian or Perennial Tree—In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the Top Onion, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and grow so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. Is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.; postpaid; peck, by express, $1.50.

Teosinte.

As a forage or fodder plant this is the greatest thing of the age, especially for the South. In appearance it resembles corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader and sweeter. It grows twelve feet high, producing a great number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. 85 stalks have been grown from one seed, and it produces forty tons to the acre. At the rate hay and other stock feed costs, Teosinte will yield $200 worth of fodder or ensilage to the acre. Plant it as you would corn. W. J. Pitts, of Stockton, Ga., writes: "I cut two 2-horse loads of forage from an ounce of seed." It may be cut two or three times during the season. It never suffers in drought or rain. Three pounds of seed is enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

This is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant and so early that it can be grown in any State. It is from the garden of the King of Persia. The grower says of it: "It is one of the earliest varieties we have, of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring 3½ to 4½ feet in length with proportionate width. The leaves are usually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, of a light brown color and of mild flavor." Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.; lb., $5.00.

New Field Corn,

GOLDEN SUPERB.

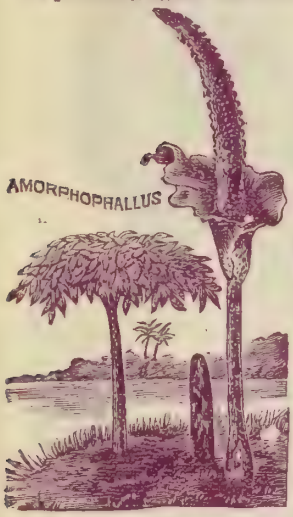
An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and outyields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest Field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably and give a good crop when other sorts fail from drouth. Two or three ears are borne on each stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were all made in the same mold, and they are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of corn can approach this, and it is bound, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than any other Dent Corn, even when planted much later. It is the earliest by several weeks of all dent varieties. It is seldom one sees anything bred up to such perfection as is this new corn. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 pounds for $1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, peck, $1.00; bushel, $3.00; 2 bushels, $5.00.

James Ferguson, Bloomfield, N. J., Sept. 2d, writes: "I am about to harvest my Golden Superb Corn. I have never seen such good Corn in my life. Its yield is immense, better than you claim. There is not a field of Corn in the State of New Jersey that can beat it. Some of the stalks have four good full ears with 24 rows of kernels, exceedingly handsome. I shall take it to the State Fair."

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

The word Bulb sends a thrill to the heart of every lover of flowers whenever it is heard. No other word in horticulture seems to indicate so much or raise in one's mind such vivid pictures of grace, brilliancy and delicate beauty. In our mind we see long spikes of Gladiolus of brilliant, fascinating and varied colors; Gloxinas spotted, marked and colored most exquisitely; great spikes of waxy Tuberoses of wonderful purity and fragrance; lovely, graceful charming Zephyranthes; exquisite Dahlias and fantastic Tigridias.

Bulbs are favorites with all and they are planted by many who will not grow any other class of flowers. They are so easily grown and so satisfactory to everyone that they are invaluable. Summer-flowering bulbs require no skill and very little attention to grow them to perfection. Plant them in the garden in Spring after severe freezing is passed and they will soon be up and will flourish and bloom all Summer. In Autumn, after early freezing, the bulbs should be lifted, dried and stored in a cellar or some other position away from frost, for planting again the following Spring. We are headquarters for Summer Flowering Bulbs.



Amorphophallus Simlense.

A rare and curious garden bulb, with odd flowers and luxuriant Palm-like foliage. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is two feet in length, with tapering point, and is of very large size. Color of bloom, green on outside, inside yellow spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxuriant like a Palm. Plant out in open ground quite early, or by corn planting time. 30c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Phadranassa Gloriosa.

The flowers are borne in pendulous clusters and an odd mingling of colors—green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired, for it is a very odd and exceedingly interesting plant. The clusters of fine, drooping blossoms are entirely unlike any other species of Amaryllis. 15c.

True Fairy Lily.

Beautiful, large Lily-like blossoms, pure snow-white, of charming beauty and fragrance. They generally commence blooming within a few weeks after planting, and nearly every bulb produces from two to five flowers. For pot culture bulbs can be planted at any time during the winter or spring and will soon bloom. Five to six may be planted in a 5 inch pot. In the open ground they are not at all particular as to soil or situation, but are quite sure to thrive anywhere. Pot a few for immediate blooming in the house; they are charming. Large, selected bulbs. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

Cinnamon Vine.

A pretty, hardy vine, with edible roots and neat, glossy, cordate foliage. In mid-summer it bears clusters of tiny but exceedingly fragrant flowers, with an odor like cinnamon. A very pretty vine to train over a small trellis, or around a window. 2 for 5c.; 5 for 10c.; 12 for 20c.

Madeira Vine.

A rapid-growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and in late summer numerous racemes of feathery flowers of powerful and delicious fragrance. A very beautiful and popular vine, which succeeds admirably. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Pancratium Tortuosum.

PANCRATIUM TOR'S'M.

A rare species of the great Amaryllis family, which produces large bulbs that may be treated like Gladiolus. Planted out in the spring they produce large elegant leaves which are of a greyish blue tinged color, very odd and peculiar as well as handsome. The flowers are borne in clusters, as shown in the cut, pure white and fragrant. It is also an admirable pot plant. We are fortunate in being able to offer fine large bulbs of this rare flower at 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

For Gladiolus, Gloxinias, Begonias, Amaryllis, Dahlias, Lilies, and Crinums, *see Specialties and Novelties, in the first part of the Catalogue. Our Collection of* Gladiolus *offered on pages 4 to 9 is the finest in the world.*

OXALIS LASANDRIA.

Summer-Flowering Oxalis.

No bulb is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed. The bulbs, which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will be in bloom by the first of June. No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. Price of fine bulbs. 10c. per dozen; 25 for 15c.; 100 for 40c.; 500 for $1.50; 1,000 for $2.50.

Lasandria—Fine rosy-pink, beautiful cut foliage.
Dieppi—Pure white; very fine.
Shamrock—Lovely clover-like foliage and pink blossoms.
Mixed Colors—Several colors.
Mammoth Bulbs—We can supply mammoth-sized bulbs of these Oxalis, nearly as large as Gladiolus, and which will produce a wonderful profusion of bloom, at 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

COOPERIA DRUMMONDI.

Cooperia Drummondi.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryllis family and can either be grown in pots or open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and are profusely borne. They have a saying in Texas that the Cooperia blooms after every rainstorm. Certainly its flowers spring up as if by magic repeatedly through the season. Color, pure white. Bulbs large and strong. 5c.; each 6 for 25c.

CALADIUM, FANCY.

Caladiums.

Grand tropical foliage plants for bedding and for pots.
Esculentum—A grand sub-tropical foliage plant, growing four feet high, and bearing immense shield-shaped leaves of the smoothest, richest green. Extra fine for groups or single specimens upon the lawn, or as borders to tropical beds, or to plant at the margins of ornamental pools, etc. Give plenty of water. 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen.
Fancy—Easy to grow in summer, either in beds or pots. For piazza or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivaled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white; another is ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is splashed and marbled with white or shaded almost black. In fact, the immense leaves are so marked with delicate and vivid colors as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. Our collection is superb. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for $1.50.

IPOMEA MEXICANA.

CALADIUM, ESCULENTUM.

Ipomea Mexicana.

This beautiful climber is also offered among "Specialties and Novelties," with the Moonflowers. It is also entitled to a place here as a summer flowering bulb. It forms a root as large as a Dahlia which is safely wintered in any cellar, and when planted out in the spring it commences a strong growth at once, and is really the most useful of all climbing plants, as it starts so early and grows so rapidly. Its flowers are of a satin violet crimson color, and remain open all day. This is often known as Tuberous-Rooted Moonflower. An elegant vine for conservatories or large bay windows during winter. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Spotted Calla.

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green, with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white, with a black center and very beautiful. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Hyacinthus Candicans.

A species of Hyacinth which blooms during August and September, grows three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in length. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up large flower stems which are a gigantic spike of thimble-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August, September and October, strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. A few planted in the center of a bed of Verbenas, Petunias or other flowers, makes a beautiful display. They contrast elegantly with Gladiolus. Planted anywhere, singly or in clumps they are magnificent. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate, and nothing thrives better in any situation. Strong bulbs sure to bloom, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

Milla Biflora.

The flowers are pure waxy-white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped, and usually in pairs on long slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting, as it lasts a long time in water. Two much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. It pleases everyone and should be grown very largely. This charming flower is exceedingly popular for florists' use, and the demand for the blossoms is great. The blossoms frequently last two weeks when cut and placed in vases of water. It is a perfect gem. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.

Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from midsummer until frost, growing three feet high, with large wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory. The following varieties are great improvements in size and color over the older varieties.

Mixed Sorts—All colors, 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 40c.

Montbretia Crocosmaeflora.

One of the brightest and most winsome flowers we know of. Should always be grown in masses or groups, and are then remarkably showy and brilliant. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like beauties appearing. Extra fine for cutting, their dash of color lighting up a heavy mass of flowers with grace. One of the most lovable flowers we know of, so graceful and bright and cheery. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Montbretia, Elegans—Like the above, but of a pure yellow color, contrasting well with the scarlet colored Crocosmaeflora. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

CHILDS' EXCELSIOR PEARL TUBEROSE

Childs' Superior Tuberoses.

The one flower the rich man must have, and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxen blooms of rich, creamy whiteness, and its deep, delicious fragrance. How often has this sweet flower, that might have bloomed in paradise, been placed upon the cold forms of those whose spirit has gone to fairer fields. We have made our prices very low, that every flower lover may enjoy their peerless beauty. For open-ground culture, plant about the middle of May. Give them rich soil, in full sun, and keep free from weeds, and they will bloom finely. Plant a good big lot of them for cutting, and if you will pot those which are in bud about the time frost is expected, they will bloom elegantly in pots for a long time; often till Christmas.

Excelsior Pearl—Introduced by us twelve years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoses; habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden. Large, select bulbs, 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for $3.00.

Tall Double—The old popular variety. Splendid for the open ground. 5c. each; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.

New Variegated—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Single Orange Scented—A fine sort, bearing very early in the season large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25c.; 3 of each for 60c.

Zephyranthes.

The Zephyr flowers or Fairy Lilies, are gems of rare beauty; and when planted either in pots or the open ground they produce very beautiful lily-like flowers nearly all summer. Though some of the varieties are old, they are not generally known or often seen in cultivation, owing to the fact that they have never been properly and thoroughly introduced. When once grown they are always grown, for they are one of the prettiest and easiest grown flowers it is possible to have. They are of a lovely section of the great and popular Amaryllis family. For pot culture plant three or four in a 5 or 6-inch pot and they will bloom beautifully. For the garden plant in spring and lift them in the fall, like Gladiolus. We offer here, several new sorts of great beauty, which makes a collection of six superb kinds. Those who plant them, either in pots or the open ground, will be delighted with them.

Rosea—Beautiful clear rose; flowers large and very handsome. One of the oldest and best; blooms all summer. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Sulphurea—True giant flowers. This produces flowers as large as a large Amaryllis, and on stems 15 to 24 inches in height. One of the clearest and finest shades we ever saw. The shape of the flower is perfection itself. It is one of the choicest gems in the bulb line, and all who plant it will be delighted. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

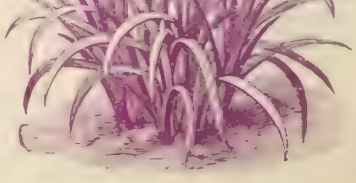
Atamasco—This is, in all respects, much like Rosea, except in color, which is pure white. Flowers large and very beautiful. A cheap but magnificent sort. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Floribunda—A new sort, and unlike all others, it bears its flowers usually in pairs, two on one stem. It is very beautiful, being of a rich golden-yellow, and exceedingly sweet-scented, its perfume being unlike any other flower we ever saw. It is one of the very finest bulb novelties. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Anderson—A little beauty, its flowers being smaller than the others; beautiful tulip-shaped, and orange-yellow in color. A free bloomer. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Candida—Pure white, and the freest bloomer of all, though not so large. It is also the oldest and best known sort. 5c. each, 3 for 10c; 12 for 25c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*We take much pleasure in offering one fine bulb each of these six lovely Zephyr flowers for only 30c.; 3 of each for 75c.*



WINDOW OR GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

One may have a home grandly constructed, elegantly fitted and furnished in every particular, wanting nothing which money can purchase, yet if it does not contain a window of bright blooming plants it lacks some essential feature, and is, in fact, almost desolate, and its inmates must be regarded as lacking in some degree refinement and taste. On the other hand the humblest cottage is made a home indeed, by the brightness and fragrance of its well-filled windows of plants, and when we see it we know that good taste, refinement and a whole-souled people dwell within.

Plants are our natural home companions; they are bright, refreshing, cheery; winter may rage without, but inside they make spring perpetual. A refined and generous nature craves plants and flowers. Nothing else can take their place; especially to the care-worn woman, whose elevated taste and love for refinement goes largely unsatisfied, plants and flowers are one of God's richest blessings.

The plant department of our business is most extensive. We have acres of greenhouses and annually produce and send out over two million plants. Our system of packing is such that our plants carry successfully through the mails to nearly all parts of the world. We are careful to send out only well-rooted, healthy stock, and to offer only such varieties as are sure to give satisfaction—the very best of their kinds. The enormous quantities which we grow enable us to offer the finest plants of the choicest varieties at a price so low that they are within the reach of all. These facts have made ours the greatest plant distributing establishment in the world.

Our System of Selling Plants.

BY MAIL, POSTPAID. We send fine, healthy, well-rooted, vigorous Plants by mail, postpaid, at prices quoted. If ordered by express we can usually send larger ones in that way than by mail, at same price.

LARGE SPECIMENS, BY EXPRESS. As many people desire to get Plants as large as possible, and are willing to pay more for large specimens, such as cannot be sent by mail, we offer of most varieties extra large sizes by express, at advanced prices. All express packages go at buyer's expense, but we add extras to offset express charges.

Our customers can depend upon getting Extra Fine Plants from us either way—by mail or express.

Asparagus Sprengeri.

A Magnificent Decorative Plant.

A new variety of the finest ornamental qualities. For hanging pots, or bracket pots where the mass of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects it is possible to find for window decoration. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries which add greatly to the beauty of the wavy foliage. Nothing finer for decorating, or for bouquet making. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Cereus, Night Blooming.

Grandiflora The most beautiful flower in the world. Its flowers are a foot across, of a pure satiny white, outside petals faintly tinged with reddish-brown. It is also deliciously fragrant. No description can do justice to its wonderful beauty, or portray the magnificence of its pure cup, filled with thousands of silky stamens. Truly a flower of the gods, and one which seems not of earth, as its beauty is unfolded only in midnight's darkness.

McDonaldi—Like above, but fine straw color tint.

Rostratus—Magnificent flowers rich wine-red outside.

Price, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.

Begonia, Vernon.

No other kinds of flowering Begonias can begin to compare with the varieties of B. Vernon for beauty and constant bloom. They are so much superior to others that we have concluded to offer none but these. Plants flower perpetually all the year round, the plant being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter. They make lovely bedding plants in summer, the leaves when exposed to the sun turning to a rich bronze color, adding much to the beauty of the flowers.

Vernon, Crimson—Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence.

Vernon, White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

Vernon, Pink—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects exactly like above, and a plant of perpetual beauty.

Vernon, Yellow Leaved—This new variety of Begonia Vernon has pure white blossoms slightly shaded or bordered with exquisite silky pink, while the foliage is of a charming yellowish color. The flowers are borne perpetually, both winter and summer, and the exquisite beauty added to the superb color of the leaves makes a plant not only beautiful beyond description but exceptionally odd and striking.

Rubra—One of the best of all Begonias for house culture. They will commence to bloom when but six inches high, and will continue to bloom without ever missing a day for five or six years at a time.

President Carnot—Upright habit, strong grower, large handsome leaves, twice the size of Rubra; upper side deep green, spotted silver, under side metallic-red. Flowers fine coral-red in large panicles. A grand new sort.

Erfordie—A most lovely sort, and a great bloomer the year round, either in pots or garden. It has large clusters of light pink blossoms, resembling large Tuberous-rooted varieties. It is a free grower and in every respect a superb sort.

PRICE—*Fine plants by mail, 15c., each; 5 or more at 10c. each. Extra large plants by express, (too large for mail), 30c. each; 5 or more at 20c. each.*

Begonia, Credneri.

Probably the most magnificent flowering Begonia yet seen. It is a strong grower with immense leaves which are very handsome. The flowers are blush and rose, covered with silky hairs, and borne in clusters often as large as a bunch of Hydrangea blossoms. No description can do it justice, or convey even a slight idea of its loveliness. It will be a star in any collection of plants, no matter how select. Fine plants. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00. *Extra large, by express, 75c. each.*

Begonia, Rex.

Enormous triangular leaves of satin-like texture, and metallic lustre, richly belted and zoned with the most striking colors. No finer decorative plant anywhere.

Bertha McGregor—Leaves very large, beautifully lobed. Fine silver-white variegated with deep blackish-green.

Robert George—Large disk of silver, bordered with deep green and with green center.

Louise Classon—Leaf dull red underneath, almost black outside, variegated with large pink blotches having a peculiar metallic lustre. Very odd and beautiful.

Grandis—Deep silver-gray, festooned with spotted green; peculiarly marked and handsome.

Enfant de Nancy—Large, beautifully ribbed; deep green disk thickly spotted. Large silvery zone and spotted green edge. Very fine.

Marq. de Peralta—A dwarf, producing an endless number of leaves which are dark green, elegantly zoned and spotted with silver. Its compact habit lends it a distinct charm, and it makes a magnificent specimen.

Price, 20c. each; the 6 for $1.00.

Mixed Varieties—Our collection of Rex Begonias is perfectly magnificent, including over 30 finest named sorts, which we can supply separately or mixed at the rate of 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 12 for $1.30.

Begonia, Goensis.

The most unique and beautiful foliage variety. Leaves large, heart-shaped and gracefully poised. Color dark, rich, velvety brown, nearly black with numerous green ribs, the whole leaf being crinkled in a beautiful manner. Reverse of leaf red. A most glorious ornamental foliage plant. 50c. each.

Begonia, Peltata.

This has leaves the size and shape of Goensis, but covered completely with a soft white down or woolly substance. It bears large pure white flower and is a perfectly exquisite gem. 50c. each.

STORM KING.

New Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made towards improving the Carnation, the florist's skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties of recent introduction. Their superiority is shown in many points, but more especially in large size of flowers, vigor of growth, freedom of bloom, exquisite color and fragrance. For pot culture none are so good as the following.

Bonton—Rich, deep scarlet, of great size, and a remarkably free grower and bloomer. Considered to be the finest scarlet variety to date.

Geo. M. Bradt—Color clear white, heavily edged and striped with bright scarlet, giving it a very bright and cheerful appearance. Flowers large and full, with center petals standing erect, giving the bloom a well-rounded form. Habit strong and vigorous. This variety has proved the most even and constant bloomer from early to late, and it is certainly the finest variety of its color.

Storm King—Fine, pure snow white, on long stems. Flowers of gigantic size, very double and beautifully formed. Its fragrance is rich, and it is a persistent bloomer. All in all probably the best pure white variety.

Meteor—Deep brilliant crimson scarlet. 2½ to 3 inches on a firm strong stem 14 to 18 inches long. Plant a free, vigorous grower, clean foliage, and good, free bloomer.

Peach Blow—An exquisite color, being a deep blush pink of exceeding loveliness. Large and free bloomer.

Mayor Pingree—Color, clear lemon yellow, lightly marked with pink and occasionally splashed with white. A very strong, robust grower, continuous bloomer, and not a cropper. Blooms measure 2½ to 3 inches and over in diameter. Stems extraordinarily stiff and from 18 to 30 inches long.

Winter Cheer—Rich dark crimson; very profuse, often showing 20 to 50 flowers at one time. Dwarf habit.

Little Gem—A fine and constant bloomer, each flower showing a beautiful blending of pink and white colors.

These last two sorts do not grow over one foot in height, and are therefore admirably adapted for pot culture in windows. They branch freely, making thick, compact plants, which are continually loaded with most beautiful flowers, and bloom perpetually. Just the sort for windows.

15c. each; 3 or more at 10c. each; the 8 for 75c. Large specimens by Express, 25c. each; 5 or more at 20c. each.

Lantana.

Two new sorts of great brilliance and free flowering habit. Flowers also of unusual size.

Scarlet Firefly—A new Lantana of unusual beauty, being of dwarf, compact growth, and a profuse and perpetual bloomer. Its flowers, which appear at all times of the year in great numbers, when they first open are golden yellow, changing the next day to deep, fiery scarlet. This unique habit causes each cluster of flowers to show to most beautiful advantage, as the center flowers, which recently opened, are yellow, and those which surround the center deep scarlet. Valuable alike for pots, for blooming at all times of the year, or for bedding out in the garden during summer.

Yellow Firefly—A seedling of the above with golden yellow blossoms. Large and fine.

Price, 15c. each; the two for 25c.

Lychnis Plenissima.

A new perpetual blooming plant, suitable either for the garden or for pots. It is particularly fine for winter blooming, in pots, being never without its sprays of charming blossoms. Color soft, delicate pink, splendidly adapted for wearing and for bouquets and vases of cut flowers. In the garden it grows and blossoms freely, and may be lifted in September and potted up for the windows. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

MEXICAN PRIMROSE.

The Mexican Primrose.

A plant for EVERYBODY, and one which will thrive in rich or poor, wet or dry soil, or in sun or shade, and bloom profusely the year round in pots, or all the spring, summer and fall in the garden. The superb colors, combined with airy grace and beautiful form, goes to make a flower which is perfection itself. The plant seldom grows over ten inches in height, but inclines to a trailing habit, sweeping its branches out over the ground, or drooping over the sides of the pot, holding its large silky flowers erect, so that their unsurpassed beauty is seen to best advantage. As a window plant it combines great hardiness and ease of culture with unsurpassed beauty and delicate loveliness and profusion of bloom. In the open ground it grows freely and blooms profusely.

Chraming—Bright deep pink, veined with scarlet, and with a light center. A superb color.

Snowflake—Pure snow-white, enormous size.

Apple Blossom—White, tinted blush, aud bordered with satin pink. An extremely delicate color.

Hermosa Tinted—A lovely shade of light soft rose.

Price, 15c. each; the 4 for 40c. Extra large specimens, by express, 30c. each; 4 for 80c.

STORM KING.

Rare Fuchsias.

These are very fine varieties of recent introduction.

Phenomenal—The largest of all Fuchsias, and also very distinct in its rich, dark colorings. Enormous double flowers, sepals scarlet, corolla a bright violet purple.

Little Beauty—A perfect little gem of a fuchsia, growing but 6 inches high and always full of bloom.

Mad. Bruant—Enormous size, very double, corolla fine heliotrope blue, sepals deep coral red. New and fine.

Trailing Queen—Good plants for hanging pots are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension. Luxuriant without being weedy, procumbent without being sprawling, clothed with handsome foliage, and loaded with hundreds of gracefully drooping flowers, nothing more could be asked for as a basket plant. A well grown plant of this Fuchsia is a weeping fountain of waxen-scarlet and violet-purple bells, and it remains in this condition for months at a time. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year. The leaves are dark green, ribbed and rayed with red or crimson, which makes them luminous and handsome. Flowers and buds long and graceful, borne in large clusters at the end of the vines. When expanded the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals bright rosy scarlet, while the corolla at opening is a rich violet purple, changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson, the two colors in the same cluster contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once, and the effect when suspended in a window, is truly glorious.

Storm King—The double White, Perpetual Bloooming Weeping Fuchsia. Its graceful, weeping habit, and its superlatively beautiful flowers, more freely borne than those of any other sort, makes the most valuable of Fuchsias. It is always in bloom, often as many as 200 buds and blossoms on a plant at once. The branches droop most gracefully, and the blossoms are frequently as large as tea cups. The buds, for two weeks before they expand, are balls of glowing scarlet-crimson. When expanded the enormous double flowers are almost pure white, capped by a calyx of glowing scarlet; and when a plant is loaded with buds and blossoms it presents a sight which for true grandeur and beauty no flower can surpass. They are of the easiest culture and will grow and bloom freely with ordinary care in any window.

20c. each; the 5 for 80c. Extra large plants by express 30c.

Geraniums.

Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each, by mail.
Extra large plants, by express, 25c. each; 6 for $1.00.

The most popular of all pot or bedding plants, combining fine habit, handsome foliage and great quantities of showy flowers. More than this, they are the easiest of all plants to grow and are never troubled with insects. Fine also, for cutting and wearing, as they do not wilt readily. The varieties that we offer all have very large trusses of the most perfect flowers and of the most distinct colors. We could have made our list four times as large, but we chose rather to offer a few only, but these extra choice ones.

BEST DOUBLE SORTS.

Chopin—Enormous size, semi-double great truss, fiery orange scarlet. Fine bedder.
M. Louis Fages—A compact grower with very large truss. Flowers large and in color a clear orange scarlet.
Bruant—Extra large floret, immense trusses. Splendid.
Hoff Beach—Very dark. A deep amaranth shaded purple.
Jupiter—A grand flower of the very largest size, and of a glowing dark vermilion. Extra fine.
S. A. Nutt—A massive truss of large double florets; close compact habit; rich dark crimson black.
La Favorite—The best white bedding Geranium, as it does not turn pink in the sun. A fine pot sort also. A strong bloomer, and with flowers of snowy whitness.
Mars—Immense trusses of very large flowers, of fiery scarlet rayed with violet, scarlet and touch of orange-yellow.
Reumberta—Not a yellow, that is yet in the future, but the nearest approach to a yellow to be found in the Geranium. The color is a light yellowish orange scarlet; very distinct.
White Swan—Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium, covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Habit, short, jointed and bushy.

BEST SINGLE GERANIUMS.

The following sorts are of unusual merit, large trusses, large florets and exquisite colors. They are the varieties that are so much admired at our conservatories.

John Lewis Childs—This new and unique Geranium is unlike any other variety in cultivation. Was originated and named by Mr. E. G. Hill. Its color is a pale pearly pink, heavily mottled and spotted with crimson. The background is a good light color and the spots bright and brilliant. It is the only good spotted variety yet known in cultivation.
Violet Queen—Enormous flower and truss of the most perfect form, and a prodigious bloomer. A most brilliant and dazzling violet-crimson, with white rayed center.
Mrs. A. Blanc—Another sort with enormous blooms, perfect and fascinating. Beautiful orange-pink, marbled white. Exquisite.
Souvenir de Mirande—Each floret; has a large creamy-white center t upper petals white edged with soft rose. Lower petals a soft bright salmon-rose with lighter shadings.
Columbia—A splendid bedder; light, high, scarlet of dazzling brighteness, two upper petals white shading to scarlet on the edges.
Wonder—The flowers are the most intense dazzling scarlet and are borne in trusses of enormous size, measuring from 10 to 20 inches in circumference, with single florets measuring 7 inches in circumference.
F. Becker—Foliage heavily zoned; immense trusses of violet crimson blossoms rayed with glowing scarlet.
Madonna—Very large trusses of lovely pale pink flowers. One of the most pleasing varieties.
Mar. De Layres—A grand pure white sort with enormous flowers and truss. Finest of all single whites.
Venus—An enormous scarlet flower of perfect shape.
Golden Leaved—A Geranium with bright yellowish foliage and large scarlet flowers. A unique plant and highly ornamental at all times.

DOUBLE GERANIUM.

TWO FINE GERANIUMS.

Flowering Rose Geranium—A distinct variety of the scented Geranium with a strong rose fragrance, and large deep scarlet flowers of the Hybrid Perpetual class. Combines free flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. Very useful for summer cut flowers, and as a pot plant for winter cannot be surpassed.

Double Tricolor—Beautiful in leaf and bloom. The finest of all tri-color Geraniums, much better than the good old Mrs. Pollock. Its large thick leaves are rayed and zoned with scarlet, gold, pink, green, etc., superbly.

25c. each; the two for 40c. Large plants, by express, 40c. each.

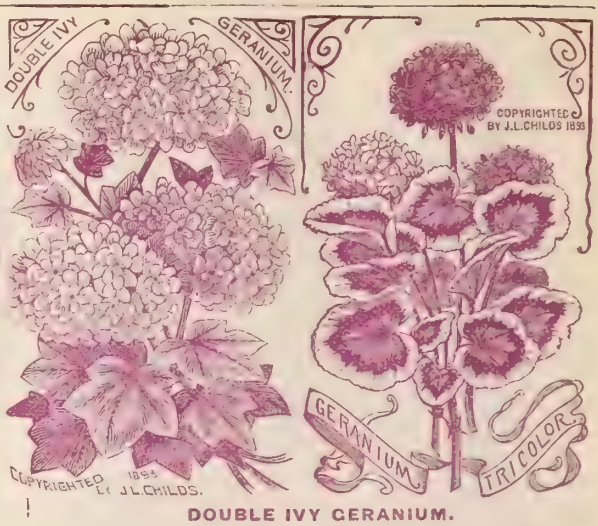
PELARGONIUMS.

The most beautiful of the Geranium tribe. Magnificent flowers of regal richness, imposing size, and striking beauty. Their pencilings and blotching seem as though touched by an artist's brush, they are so fresh and vivid. Bloom generally in late spring and summer. Quite easy to grow, and often called Lady Washington Geranium.

Named Varieties—A fine collection, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.
Extra Large plants by express, 30c. each.

Mrs. Robert Sandiford—The flower is of large size, well doubled, and of glistening, snow white color. *50c. each.*

Marion—Another grand novelty. The same plant bears flowers of different colors. One cluster of bloom will be white marked with crimson while another will be fine rose mark purple. ***60c. each; the two for 80c.***



DOUBLE IVY GERANIUM.

A very popular class of Geraniums, of robust trailing habit thickly clothed with dark green ivy-pointed leaves of smooth glossy wax-like texture, worth growing for the beauty of foliage alone. When in bloom they are doubly beautiful, with large trusses of beautiful flowers borne well above the foliage. These flowers are much larger than the ordinary Geranium, and in shape of flowers and exquisite markings resemble the superb Lady Washington Geraniums or Pelargoniums. All the Ivy Geraniums are fine low bedders and should be allowed to trail in their own graceful fashion. Very fine for baskets or bracket.

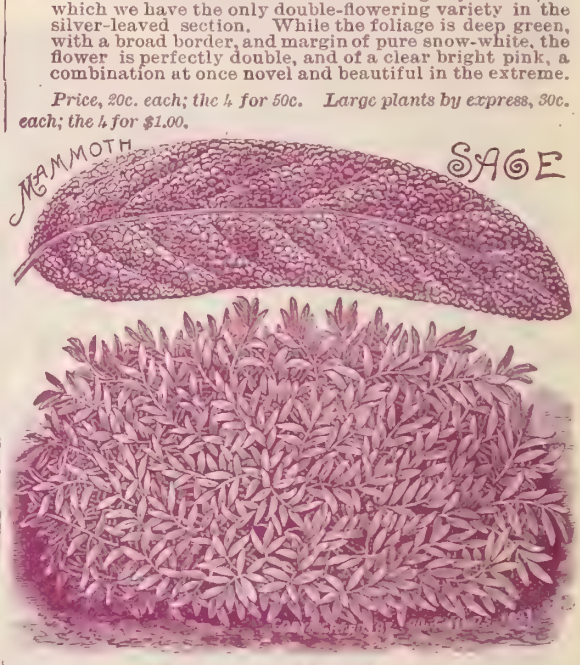
Jeanne d'Arc—Pure white; very double and fine.

La Rosaire—Fine rose. Delicate and charming.

Souv. Chas. Turner—Deep bright pink, approaching scarlet in color; the upper petals feathered maroon.

Mrs. Parker—A beautiful double-flowering ivy-leaved, in which we have the only double-flowering variety in the silver-leaved section. While the foliage is deep green, with a broad border, and margin of pure snow-white, the flower is perfectly double, and of a clear bright pink, a combination at once novel and beautiful in the extreme.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 50c. Large plants by express, 30c. each; the 4 for $1.00.



Mammoth Sage.

A plant of this new Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common sort. The leaves are of enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower, covering a space of more than three feet in diameter, rarely flowers and never runs to seed, and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person who has use for Sage should plant this variety. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Manettia Vine.

A poor vine is little but an eyesore; but a thrifty Manettia is lovely beyond all question. It can be grown either in the house or garden, and is in full bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom, both summer and winter; in the open ground during summer it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of its bright blossoms. The flowers are 1½ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off to a bright yellow tip. They are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before falling. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom at once from the smallest cuttings, and continues to bloom most profusely at all times. There is not a day during its life that it is without flowers, if it has any sort of decent care. It being quite unknown and of such striking beauty, either for screens, baskets, vases, windows, trellises, stumps, etc., that it attracts the admiration of every eye.

Price, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; extra large plants by express, 30c. each; 3 for 60c.

CAPE FUCHSIA.

Cape Fuchsia.

Plants barely a few inches high bear from 10 to 20 bold, long spikes completely crowded with showy scarlet, drooping flowers, persistently produced from May until late autumn, when they can be brought in for winter blooming. It is also a good bedding plant, grown singly or in masses; does well in poor soil, moist or dry, and will probably prove hardy. 15c. each.

Smilax.

The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any other flower and as the plant is easy to grow anyone can possess it. A beautiful climber for the arch of a plant stand, weathing it in a bower of the loveliest green. The finest foliage we have for bouquets, cut-flower work, etc., as it is so beautiful and spray-like, and lasts for hours without wilting. Flowers white, fleecy, profuse and fragrant. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Tradescantia Multicolor.

This is a remarkable variety of Tradescantia, in that its pretty striped leaves show every tint of silver, bronze-green, pinkish crimson, rose and grey in their markings. An extra fine basket plant, as it stands dust, dryness and extremes of temperature. Indeed, the Wandering Jew will stand more abuse, and look cheerful under it, than any other plant we know of. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

WATER HYACINTH.

Water Hyacinth.

Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth, round green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular puffed bladder-like leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar. A blending of lilac-rose and azure blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. Grows well in open vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. Blooms best in full sun. 20c. each; 3 for 50c., 7 for $1.00.

Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant, fan-shaped leaves of a rich, dark leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower well adapted to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All Palms of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. *Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00. Seed, per paper, 10c.*

Phoenix Palms.

There are several varieties of Phoenix, most of them differing but little from each other. They are sturdy, hardy and robust growers, in time attaining a considerable size, they are always graceful and handsome, with foliage not surpassed. For window culture they are always a success as they readily adapt themselves to any situation. We can recommend them highly. *Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.*

Zamia.

We have all heard of the wonderful beauty of the rare Cycas Revoluta, and a good specimen of which is worth $5 to $50. Here we have a close relative of little cost, quick growing, and almost, if not quite, as decorative a plant for windows, hallways, etc. The Zamia grows freely, and will thrive if need be with no sunlight at all. No Palm is more beautiful than this, with its numerous long fronds of vivid green, and of such majestic beauty that all stop in admiration of it. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00. *Extra large by express, 60c. each.*

Cocos Weddelliana.

A perfect little gem; one of the most elegant and graceful little Palms that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish-green on the under side, and arching out most gracefully. It is finely adapted for decorations of all sorts and easily endures the hardships usually falling to house plants. 40c each; 3 for $1.00.

Pleroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and bloomer the year round, but it is another addition to the very small list of purple-blue flowers, always an uncommon color, but a striking one, and one that imparts a look of richness to a general collection. Flowers very large—three inches across,—opening flat, the velvety petals showing to great advantage, and reminding one of the regal beauty of Clematis Jackmani. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. *Extra large by express, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.*

Nepeta Glechoma.

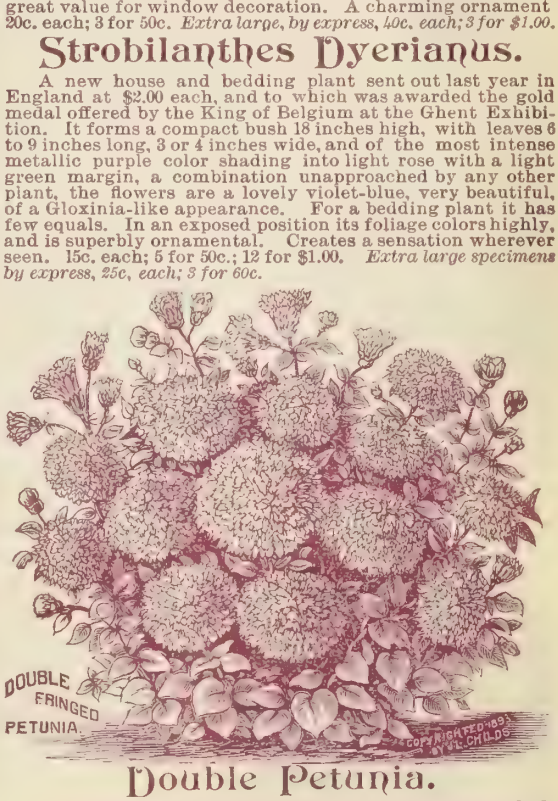
This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging baskets, standing any abuse and looking cheerful under it. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable net-work of vines, through which weeds and grass cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white, refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. *15c. each; 3 for 30c.*

Sword Fern.

A grand center plant for large baskets, pots or vases. The long, narrow, pinnate fronds arch gracefully in every direction, growing from 3 to 6 feet long. Perfectly hardy and fine for rock work, or the garden also. No Fern endures the heat and dust of living rooms so well as this, hence its great value for window decoration. A charming ornament 20c. each; 3 for 50c. *Extra large, by express, 50c. each; 3 for $1.00.*

Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

A new house and bedding plant sent out last year in England at $2.00 each, and to which was awarded the gold medal offered by the King of Belgium at the Ghent Exhibition. It forms a compact bush 18 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 or 4 inches wide, and of the most intense metallic purple color shading into light rose with a light green margin, a combination unapproached by any other plant, the flowers are a lovely violet-blue, very beautiful, of a Gloxinia-like appearance. For a bedding plant it has few equals. In an exposed position its foliage colors highly, and is superbly ornamental. Creates a sensation wherever seen. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00. *Extra large specimens by express, 25c, each; 3 for 60c.*



Double Petunia.

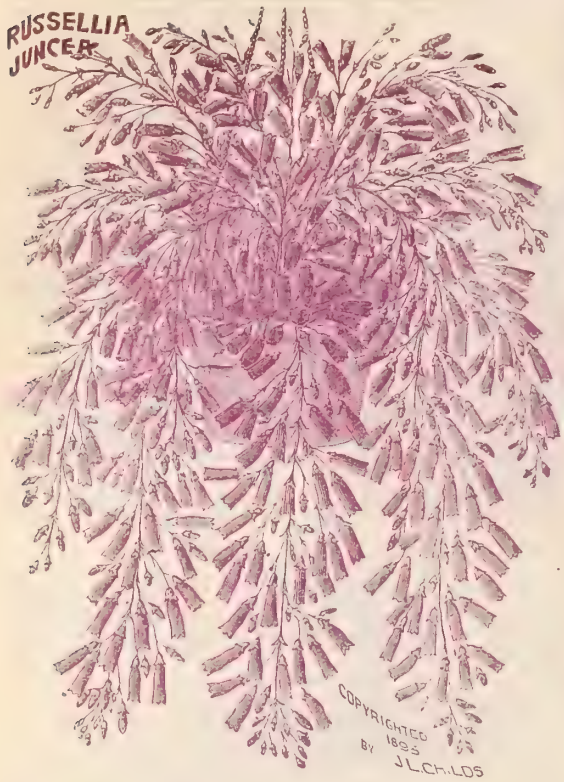
A grand flower for pots, garden vases or for summer bedding. Their splendid large double flowers are fine in any situation and very freely produced. The two following sorts are the best. *20c. each; the two for 30c.*

Lucy Longstreat—Fine crimson, fringed and variegated with white; large and double and splendidly fimbriated.

Snowdrift—Large double fimbriated flower of purest snowy whiteness. Extra good.

Double Mixed—12 fine colors. *15c. each; 3 for 30.; 12 for $1.00.*

Single Giant Flowered, Mixed—Finest types of large flowering sorts, mixed; all colors. *15c. each; 3 for 30.; 12 for $1.00. Extra large specimens by express, double prices.*



Russellia Juncea.

This plant has long, wiry, graceful stems which grow in graceful, drooping masses, flowing like hair. On these bare stems are borne quantities of long, tubular flowers of the most vivid scarlet color, something like a Manettia bloom, but more numerous. It is a novel and beautiful plant, suitable either for beds in summer or pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter and early spring months. The great drooping masses of bloom are like a fountain of coral, scarlet and green. In the South it is perfectly hardy and a superb garden flower. In any climate it is one of the very easiest of all plants to grow, and certainly one of the most brilliant and persistent bloomers. It is a valuable addition to our standard list of best plants. 15c. *each;* 3 *for* 30c. *Extra large, by express,* 25c. *each;* 3 *for* 50c.

Oxalis Ortgiesi.

One of the few pot plants that will bloom every day in the year. A robust but neat-habited grower with pretty three-lobed leaves of a dark olive green above and shining crimson purple beneath. The flowers are freely borne in clusters on long stems above the foliage. They are star-like and of a clear golden yellow. A most unique and beautiful pot plant. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Lotus Pelyorensis.

Called the silvery Asparagus on account of its beautiful Asparagus-like foliage, drooping like A. Sprengeri, but of a lovely silvery white color. Blossoms intense scarlet. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Passifloras.

Fine foliage and graceful climbing habit. Very peculiar corona-like flowers, but very beautiful and unlike any other flower. Easy to grow either in window or open ground.

Pfordti—The best for pot culture as it blooms when but a foot high, large, handsome, fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty. 20c. *each.*

Constance Elliott—One of the most graceful of all vines, worth a place in every home for its exquisite foliage. The shining, leathery, five-fingered leaves airily fringing the slender stems, after the snows of winter begin to fall. Flowers pure white. 20c. *each;* the 2 *for* 30c. *Extra large plants, by express,* 30c. *each.*

Parrot's Feather.

A lovely mossy plant, with long trailing stems covered with plumy, feathery foliage, of the freshest, loveliest green imaginable. Fine for aquariums, where few plants do well, and makes the water much more healthful for the fish. Grows nicely also in water tubs or ornamental pools, and is much admired when grown in hanging pots or baskets of soil. It grows as well in soil as in water, if it is kept well watered. It is one of the most charming trailing and drooping plants, and grows so rapidly that it can be cut with the greatest freedom. 15c. *each;* 3 *for* 30c. *Extra large specimens, by express,* 25c. *each;* 3 *for* 60c.

VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

Sweet Violets.

The flower of sentiment and song, and ever the symbol of modest worth. Its delicious fragrance alone makes it friends everywhere, but this is only one of many merits. In the inclement weather of early spring and late autumn, the Violet greets us with its pretty, sturdy fragrant blooms that have no fear of frosts or sleets, but bloom in sweetness to the very verge of winter. If given protection in pit or cold frame or unheated halls or chambers, these Violets may be had in bloom all winter, but they will stand little fire heat.

Swanley White—In pots it grows luxuriantly and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, snowy, sweet-scented blossoms. The growth of the plant is vigorous and healthy, bearing in great numbers very large, perfectly double flowers of pure snowy whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. It is not uncommon for a plant to have fifty flowers open at once.

Lady Hume Campbell—The finest blue Violet. Flowers extra large and sweet, borne in great profusion.

Alaska—A grand new sort, well adapted to garden culture, being hardy and robust and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance. Best garden sort.

California—A new single Violet of great size, beauty and fragrance. Flower single, borne on long graceful stems and unsurpassed for richness of color and fragrance.

Price, 15c. each; the 4 for 40c.; $1.00 per dozen. Extra strong plants, by express, 20c. each; $2.00 per dozen.

Brilliant Salvias.

For brilliancy the following choice varieties of Salvia Splendens vie with Cannas. They bloom perpetually, and are desirable alike for bedding in the open ground or for growing in pots.

Splendens Compacta—An improvement on the old variety, it being of dwarf, compact growth with plenty of beautiful foliage and long showy spikes of the most brilliant scarlet flowers borne continually.

Alba—Like the above, except in color, which is white.

Striata—The bloom of this variety is freely striped and mottled white and scarlet.

Purpurea—Flowers in large spikes and of a rich royal purple color. Fine.

Pitcheri—Fine graceful spikes of blue flowers.

Golden Leaved—Its foliage is golden yellow while the long spiral heads of bloom are of the most intense scarlet. The vivid color of the flowers contrasting with the yellow of the foliage makes a beautiful combination.

Price, 10c. each; 75c. per dozen; the six sorts for 50c.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

A NEW DECORATIVE PLANT OF GREAT VALUE.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship as will this. Nothing but frost or a continual drenching with water, has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantel in a heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Singularly beautiful as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long plumy flower spikes, which in their soft feathery whiteness remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of this plant together with its distinctive marbling, makes it a superb plant for jardinieres, centers of vases, etc. It will also grow splendidly out of doors in summer. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. It is new and little known to cultivation, but a plant which all will delight to possess. *20c. each; 3 for 50c. Extra large, by express, 40c. each.*

Sanseveria Cylindrica.

A new sort with round pencil-like foliage. Very odd and curious. 30c. each.

POT SHRUBBERY.

Hard-Wooded Shrubbery Plants, the showiest class of all, from their imposing size and greater profusion of bloom. They have an advantage over other pot plants, also, in that they can be wintered in the cellar without injury, if window room is scarce, as it often is. All the care they need is a little pinching now and then to keep them bushy and compact, and occasional top-dressing of rich compost or rotted manure and water given in abundance to soak the entire ball of their roots through. So treated each plant will be a solid bouquet of bloom—many sorts remaining in bloom the whole year. Grand for conservatory or window, hall or drawing room, or for piazza or yard decoration. We are doing our friends a kindness in urging them to grow plenty of Tub Plants, that will last a life-time and improve in beauty each year.

Brugmansia.

Arborea—Called also Angels' Trumpets and Wedding Bells. One of the grandest hard wooded plants we know of, and easy to grow. It grows several feet high, and is quite bushy. The foliage is large and tropical, and its blooms—how shall we describe what words cannot picture? Imagine a little bush three feet high with twenty or thirty pendulous blooms open at once; great creamy-white blooms, eleven, twelve or thirteen inches long and eight inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin. Imagine these creamy trumpets pouring fragrance forth till the air is heavy with fragrance. Imagine all this, then remember the blossoms last for days in perfection, and that new buds are constantly coming on, and you will see why we value it so highly. It can be wintered unwatered in a cellar or pit. Grand for Easter or Christmas decorations or for yards. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Double Flowered—Very beautiful and fragrant. 50c.

Sanguinea—Rare scarlet flowered variety. Extra fine. 50c.

Extra large specimens by express (too large to mail) double price.

Chinese Hibiscus.

Where can we find a more striking plant than this, with its glossy leaves and huge flaming flowers of satin-like texture? Summer or winter it is always budding and blooming, and if it becomes too large for the window, can be wintered in the cellar. Pots of Hibiscus are extra fine for piazza or balcony, and for bedding out in summer.

Gigantea—A graceful single flowered variety, with wide opened flowers eight and ten inches across, and of the most vivid crimson scarlet. Indescribably rich and striking as a flaming torch; sure to please those who like a bright flower and plenty of it.

Cooperi—Crimson flowers and superb foliage marbled in three colors, white, rose and green. One of the best of all.

Minneatus—As gorgeous and fine as the best Pæony, and fully as large. Bush blooms when but a foot high. Blossoms a burning crimson, very double.

Chrysantha—This is said to be a cross between an Abutilon and a Hibiscus; certainly it seems to show characteristics of both. It blooms as perpetually as the Abutilon, but with larger flowers like the Hibiscus, five and six inches in diameter. Flowers flat and saucer-like, of a clear, bright canary yellow, with black eye or center.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c. Extra large specimens by express, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Bougainvillea Glabra.

The most useful and brilliant flowering plant known; First-class certificate Royal Horticultural Society, April 24, 1894. Of the most easy culture, either in greenhouse or window, producing its magnificent rosy-crimson bracts and yellow blossoms in the smallest pots, under all conditions, in the greatest abundance and amazing profusion from May to December. This is easily the most sensational new plant of the year. Sold in England recently at $2.00 each. It will be one of the most satisfactory and popular pot plants in cultivation. It is truly magnificent and one of the easiest to grow. Fine plants for blooming at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

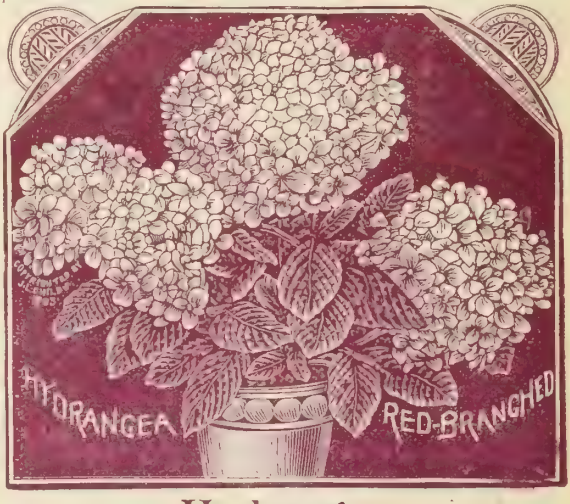
Extra large specimens by express, 40c. each.

Bridal Rose—(*Rubus Floribunda.*)

A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a pæony and almost as large. Color pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is a most novel and attractive one. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Azalea Indica.

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are fine ones, of blooming size, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00. *Large specimens, by express, 75c.*



Hydrangea.

Superb and easily managed tub plants, blooming when very small, and growering larger and finer each year. Their immense close panicles of bloom are wonderfully showy, and they last in perfection for months. Largely grown for Easter and early summer decorations, and are perhaps the most beautiful plants for piazzas, or steps.

Ramnius Picta—Grand pinkish-blue flowers in enormous panicle. A splendid sort, and as yet very scarce.

Rosea—Beautiful rose-colored bloom that later turns to blue. A profuse bloomer, bearing very large panicles.

Thos. Hogg—Much like above, but pure white.

Red Branched—This new variety, with heads of bloom as large as a water-pail, is of unusual value, commencing to bear its enormous trusses of deep rose-pink bloom while yet very small and increasing constantly in size and profusion of bloom. The stems and branches are dark purplish red, which with the fresh green leaves set off the clouds of rosy blooms admirably.

20c. each; the four for 75c.; extra large and fine specimens by express, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

New Abutilons.

These are of the beautiful Infanta Eulalia type introduced by us a few years ago. Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of scraggy growth, they are very compact and short jointed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large yet short and beautifully cupped, and of the most lovely colors. They produce flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as many flowers as any other Abutilon under the same conditions.

Infanta Eulalia—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time, summer and winter. Color a most beautiful soft satin-pink. No finer pot plant for windows than this.

Wm. McKinley—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow of exquisite loveliness.

Savitzii—The most beautiful in foliage of all Abutilons. Each leaf has a broad distinct margin of pure white, making a most conspicuous plant. The long stemmed flowers are golden yellow color veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer, either in pots or bedded out during summer, and is always a most attractive specimen plant, especially for exhibiting. The leaves are so very large, and so distinctly marked with white, and the flowers so showy that all admire it. An improved Souv. de Bonne.

Snowstorm—Large, pure white; finest of its color.

Grandiflora—Rich golden yellow. An extra fine grower.

Price, 20c, each; 3 for 50c.; 5 for 75c. Extra large specimens, by express, 30c. each; 3 for 80c.

Thunbergia Harrisi.

A hard-wooded plant of a trailing or creeping habit, which is perfectly magnificent for hanging baskets or bracket pots. The branches grow to a considerable length, and droop most gracefully, producing in winter large numbers of beautiful purple-blue blossoms, 3 to 4 inches across. The effect is most charming and cannot be produced with any other plant. Plants bloom when very small. One of the very best things offered in this catalogue. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rhyncospermum Jasminoides.

A most beautiful plant with glossy evergreen foliage, and producing in the greatest profusion the most delicate, sweet-scented, Jasmine-like flowers of the purest white. A well grown plant will be completely smothered with flowers. It blooms when very small, and we have seen cuttings only two or three inches long bearing clusters of perfect flowers. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Crotons.

These are but little known among general collections of house plants, yet they are not exceeded in beauty of foliage by any foliage plant, not even Palms. The leaves are long, narrow and graceful, and are most charmingly spotted and variegated. The sorts we offer are hardy and vigorous and will succeed in any window. The cut gives a good idea of the beauty of a Croton, even when very small. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Plumbagos.

They are most excellent pot plants, flowering freely at all times of the year. South of Washington they are hardy in the open ground, and make desirable garden plants. Flowers are borne in large clusters and are exceedingly beautiful in color, the older sorts being light blue, dark blue and white; the new variety, Coccinea, is intense rosy scarlet. They are all of very easy culture, growing in any situation as freely as Geraniums or Abutilons. In fact few pot plants can be found that will prove so easy to manage, and furnish such an abundance of exceedingly handsome flowers.

Capensis Blue—Large round clusters of long-tubed blossoms, of a light azure blue, a shade as delicate and beautiful as it is rare.

Capensis White—Exactly like the above, but pure snow-white.

Coccinea—New. Intense rosy scarlet, a color so bright as to be really dazzling. Flowers large and tube long, but instead of bearing its blossoms in large round clusters like the above, they appear in an oblong cluster or spike, large at the base and tapering to a point. This is one of the really superb novelties of recent times.

Larpentae—Of low herbaceous growth, dying down to the ground each fall and springing up afresh from the roots each spring. Perfectly hardy in any situation, North or South, and makes a splendid border plant. 75c. per doz. 20c. *each; one each of the 4 sorts for 60c.*

Chinese Tea Plant.

The Chinese Tea makes an interesting plant, as well as an ornamental one. The leaves are bright glossy green and the flowers pretty. As a pot plant it is well worthy of culture, and a good specimen of it will be a feature among any collection of plants, no matter how choice. Everybody will want to see it. It is of a shrubby nature not at all hard to grow, and will stand a great deal of abuse. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Olea Fragrans.
(*Fragrant Olive.*)

What is it? you may ask. Well, in the first place, it is the sweetest flower that blooms; and in the second place, it belongs to the Olive family and is a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers, either summer or winter, though the plant may not be a foot in height. The flowers are small, creamy white and borne in immense clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl-pin, has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00. *Extra large, by express, 70c. each.*

Oleander.

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very tractable plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar. Its dark green willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing; but when in bloom it is beautiful beyond expression, with its many large, delicate, satin-like flowers.

Pink—Large blossoms of fine rosy pink.
White—Magnificent large snow-white blossoms.
Crimson—Fine, deep crimson-red. Extra.
Yellow—Large and very beautiful.

Price, 35c. each; the four for $1.00.

Grevillea Robusta.

A splendid decorative plant, much quicker growing than a Palm, and very effective with its long, drooping, silky foliage, deeply cut like a large growing Fern or a pinnate-leaved Palm. No window complete without it. It is very easy to manage, and can easily be grown from seed if desired. Fine plants, 15c.; 3 for 30c. *Extra large, by express, 30c. each; 3 for 60c.* Seed, 15c. per pkt.

Lemon Verbena.

An old but always popular plant, prized for its fragrant foliage. Sprays of its leaves are always fine to use with flowers in bouquets. Very easily grown and can be wintered in cellar if need be. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Cape Jessamine or Gardenia.

A lovely pot shrub producing an abundance of large double white wax-like blossoms of great beauty and renowned fragrance. Nothing else like it, and for delicate beauty and fragrance it is unrivalled. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Genista, Shower of Gold.

As a plant for late winter and early spring blooming, (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flower golden yellow, very fragrant, and borne in large drooping racemes and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch—most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw, and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance and ease of culture, it has no superior, and should adorn every home. *20c. each; 3 for 50c. Extra fine specimens, by express, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.*

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone. Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost.

We have for years made a specialty of Choice Fruit Novelties, and have introduced nearly all of the leading ones for ten years past. The varieties here offered are all of recent introduction, and each and every one possesses great merit. The trees here offered are young and thrifty and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. When fruit trees or shrubs are received before they can be planted they may be safely kept for any length of time by having the roots packed in boxes of moist soil and stored in a cool cellar or shed. It is important to order fruit early that they may be planted out before the foliage starts.

At prices named we send strong, robust young stock by mail, postpaid, but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing. We have never had the San Jose Scale or other dangerous pests in our nurseries. See Certificate of last year.

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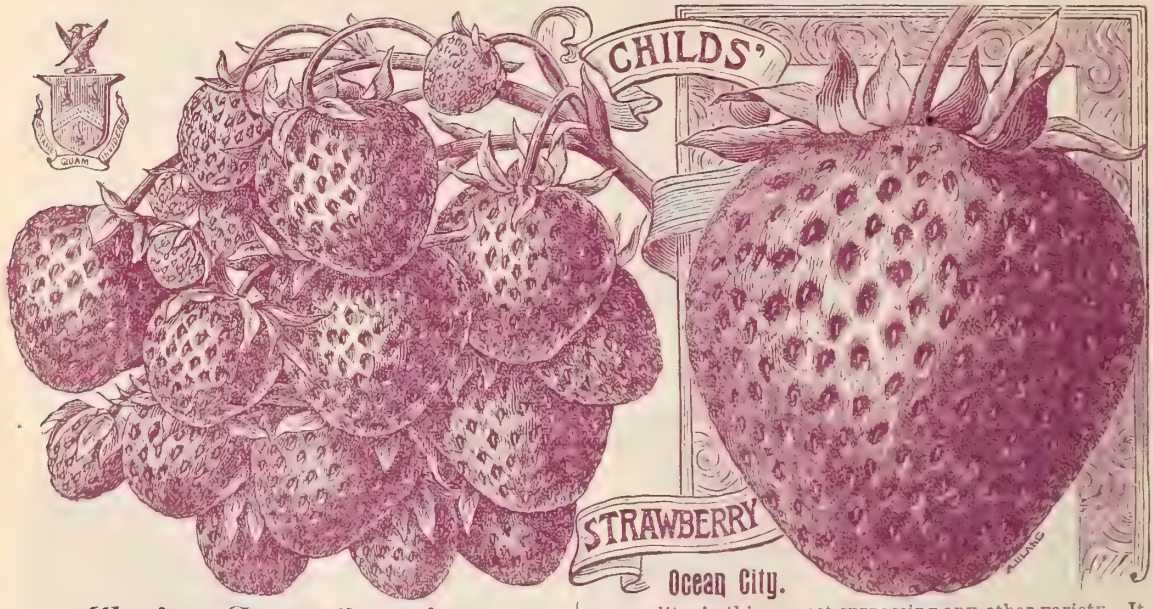
STATE OF NEW YORK
Department of Agriculture.

Certificate of Inspection of Nursery Stock.

This is to certify that the stock in the nursery of John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, County of Queens, State of New York, was duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 482 of the Laws of 1898, and it was found to be apparently free in all respects from any contagious or infectious plant disease or diseases, or the San Jose scale or other dangerously injurious insect pest or pests.

Dated, August 24, 1898, Albany, N.Y.

C. A. WIETING,
Commissioner of Agriculture.



Choice Strawberries.

Of all the fruits known to cultivation the Strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours' work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it during the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious ruby beauties, fresh and ripe from the vines. The following are the very best varieties in cultivation—the cream of all—including extra early medium and late sorts:

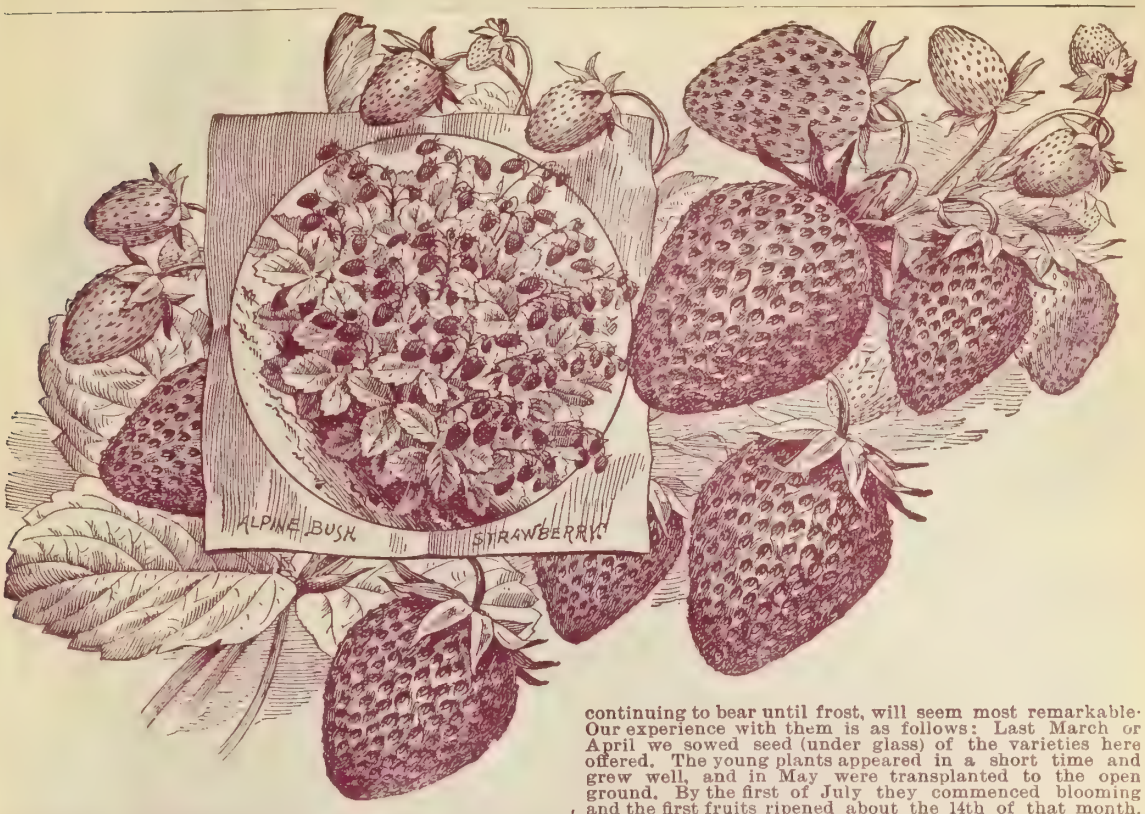
Meek's Early—This is a most important new berry, inasmuch as it is the EARLIEST and BEST of all early varieties. It is a good week ahead of any other in ripening, and it is also of large size, fine quality and very productive. No other early variety can compare with it, and it must find its way to every collection. 50c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $15.00 per 1,000.

Mineola—For a general all-around Strawberry, we believe this to be the finest variety in cultivation. It originated on Long Island and has been cultivated here for ten or a dozen years by a few growers, and was first introduced into general cultivation by us last year. The fruit is of very large size and exceedingly sweet and luscious in quality, in this respect surpassing any other variety. It is a most vigorous grower, its foliage being of great size and wonderfully healthy and luxuriant. The fruit is borne on tall stems which hold them well up from the sand and dirt below. The berries are perfect in shape, beautiful in color, enormous in size and exceedingly prolific, succeeding well on all soils. Either as a market, home or exhibition berry it is par excellence. Could we grow but one variety this would be our choice. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $15.00 per 1,000.

Ocean City—A new berry of wonderful value. Its great points of value are, enormous size, surpassing almost any other known sort, and enormously productive. Unlike all large berries, which are usually shy bearers, this one is very prolific. In beauty it has no equal, and always brings a larger price in market than any other. It is a hardy and vigorous grower, supposed to be a cross between Wilson and Sharpless. From what we know of it we believe it is a variety of pronounced value. Fine plants, 60c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $16.00 per 1,000.

SPECIAL OFFER.

Six plants each of the above three and Crim's Double Cropper (4 sorts), for $1.00; 12 plants each for $1.50; 100 plants each for $6.00. This is the finest collection of Strawberries it is possible to have.



Crim's Double Cropper—A new sort, which was originated in New Jersey by a Mr. Crims. The introducer says of it: "In the spring of 1896 I planted 2¼ acres of the Double Cropper and in June, 1897 gathered and marketed several hundred bushels of fruit, and in the following September I gathered and marketed in New York over 100 bushels more of fine large berries, which sold for

prices ranging from 50c. to 75c. per quart." This statement being verified is sufficient to make the Double Cropper at once an acknowledged acquisition. With us it is a most healthy and vigorous grower, with fine dark rich foliage. Our plants are from the originator and are therefore genuine. 60c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100; $16.00 per 1,000.

Alpine Everbearing Strawberries.

Red, Black, White and Bush or Runnerless Varieties which Fruit Freely from Seed the First Summer, and bear Continually all the Season.

To many this will be the most interesting thing in our Catalogue. The idea of growing Strawberries from seed, the plants bearing a good crop of fruit the first summer, and continuing to bear until frost, will seem most remarkable. Our experience with them is as follows: Last March or April we sowed seed (under glass) of the varieties here offered. The young plants appeared in a short time and grew well, and in May were transplanted to the open ground. By the first of July they commenced blooming and the first fruits ripened about the 14th of that month. From that time there was ripe fruit continually until late in October. The berries while not quite so large as the garden varieties are much higher flavored. In fact they are in quality far superior to all others. A few of them will perfume a whole room so great is their delicious aroma. Who could desire a more unique novelty than this? Grow Strawberries from seed, like Pansies, and have delicious fruit all summer, some white, some red, some black, and some, (the bush varieties) which produce no runners. We can recommend all our customers to try them, feeling sure that the result will be even more satisfactory than they can anticipate.

BUSH VARIETIES.

Wonderful berries having no runners, but growing into immense stool plants; fruit similar to other Alpine; enormous yielder, single plants in this State having yielded one pint of berries at a picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when loaded with their dense crops of fruit; grow easily from seed; the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to do so, can grow the bush varieties admirably in pots. They are well adapted to pot culture, and will even fruit well during winter. We know of no greater novelty than these charming Bush Strawberries.

Everbearing Bush White—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor. Per pkt., 15c.

Everbearing Bush Red—Like the above but a fine crimson color. Per pkt., 15c.

One packet each of the two sorts for 25c.

Plants—We can supply fine plants of these Everbearing Bush Strawberries, either separate or mixed, as follows: 3 for 25c.; 12 for 85c.

RUNNER VARIETIES.

These are everbearing, fruiting freely from June till October. The plants increase rapidly by runners like ordinary sorts. All perfectly hardy in any climate.

Red Alpine—Long, dark crimson, high, aromatic flavor, great yielder. Pkt., 10c.

White Alpine—Same as the above, but a beautiful snowy white in color. Pkt., 10c.

Black Alpine—A sort bearing large fruit which is of a dark crimson black color, and highly flavored. Contrasts finely with the white and red varieties. Pkt., 10c.

Mixed Sorts—Fine mixed seed of above, and many other sorts, all of which fruit well the first season. 15c. per pkt.

PLANTS—We can supply plants of the above varieties, mixed, at 60c. per dozen.

Tree Strawberry,

Or Strawberry-Raspberry.

The Largest and Most Beautiful Berry in the World, and the Most Productive and Easily Grown.

This is one of the most unique and at the same time the largest and most beautiful berry of any kind that has yet appeared before the public. It comes to us from Japan, and is of the Raspberry family, though in many respects it resembles a Strawberry, growing on a bush two feet high. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most prolific yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit in July and August, and more or less all the time up to November. In quality the fruit is called good, though not so finely flavored as either the Strawberry or Raspberry, but quite as good as most Blackberries. It is very fine when cooked, and makes a jelly which has a unique flavor and is superior to the jelly of any other fruit. In habit of growth the plant is distinct from both the fruits named. The root is perennial, throwing up numerous strong branching shoots, which are covered with its large, beautiful berries the whole summer, from early in July until freezing weather, rendering it a perpetual bearer. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The foliage is light green in color, bright, clean, cheerful and pleasing, and exempt from attacks of all insects and diseases. The berries are globular, slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich, glossy, ruby-red color, sweet and melting and of such transparent beauty as to cause everyone to shout with amazement upon first seeing a plant in bearing. The blossoms, too, should not be overlooked. They resemble in appearance single roses (the petals being cupped) snow white in color, and are deliciously fragrant. As these exquisite flowers are produced constantly from early spring until autumn, the plant is well worthy of cultivation if it produced nothing but flowers. This berry is so hardy and vigorous that it may be planted in any waste or out of the way place, along fences, etc., where it will naturalize, take care of itself and bear enormously as a wild berry. The past season we gathered thirty bushels of berries from three rows, each 600 feet long. Strong plants, 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.00; 25 for $2.00. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

The Balloon Berry.

Another wonderful new fruit from Japan offered now for the first time. The plant grows 10 to 15 feet high, and like the Wineberry the canes are covered with silky red hairs. Fruit ripens all summer, and is very large, shaped somewhat like a Strawberry, or more like a balloon, from which its name is derived. Color of fruit clear yellow, tinged red; as large and as handsome as the Tree Strawberry. In fact it contrasts magnificently with that superb fruit, the ruby color of the one and golden yellow of the other together with the enormous size of both makes a glorious show. Luther Burbank, who has grown this berry for several years, and from whom we purchased the entire stock, says of it: "It came to me from my collector in Japan, who found it back in the interior. It is a large growing, vigorous, hardy plant, somewhat inclined to trail. Grows 10 to 15 feet long, and an inch or more in diameter at the base in good soil. Leaves very handsome, compound, lanceolate. Fruit, which is ripening nearly all summer is clear yellow shaded red; inflated so as to resemble a balloon. Cultivation will make it as delicious as it is ornamental.

A most unique, highly ornamental and valuable berry unlike anything else. Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts for 50c. It grows very quickly and rapidly from seed.

"CLIMBING RASPBERRY."

New Climbing Raspberry, Golden Climber.

A MOST UNIQUE AND VALUABLE NOVELTY.

A climbing Raspberry is a novelty of more than ordinary importance, and one that is sure to delight all who appreciate the unique and valuable in horticulture. This berry has grown and fruited with us for two years, and we can offer it with our strongest recommendation. Planted in a good rich soil, near a building or trellis, it will grow 10 to 15 feet in a season, and the strong vigorous branches may be fastened up to a trellis or building as one would secure a grapevine. Its fruit ripens very early, (one of the very first of all Raspberries), and is produced in very large clusters, is of good size and fine quality, and deep golden yellow in color. Foliage large, vigorous and healthy, and it is a berry of the most thorough ironclad hardiness. It being such a rank grower and producing such an enormous amount of wood makes it immensely productive. It will probably yield twice as much fruit as any other sort. It is ornamental as well as useful, and taken all in all our customers will find it exceedingly valuable, and capable of being put to many good uses. *Fine, strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.*

Best Standard Raspberries.

Cuthbert—A very large red variety of superb quality. It is an enormous yielder, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out-of-the-way place and make a splendid wild berry if one has not the time to give it culture.

Golden Queen—This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color when ripe, is a fine rich golden yellow. It is of high quality.

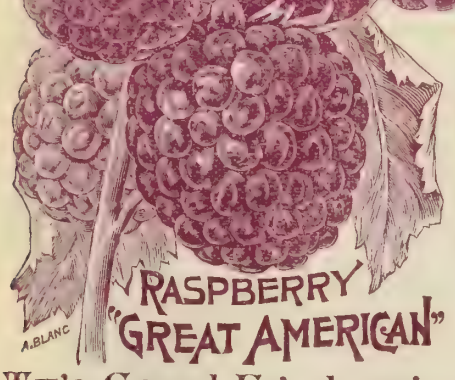
Thompson's Early Prolific—The earliest Raspberry yet introduced, and a great cropper. Berries of fair size, bright crimson color, and of extra fine quality. Perfectly hardy.

Kansas—The king of all Black Cap berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardiness, make it superior to any other black variety.

Mohler—A new berry of great merit. Claimed to be the finest Black Cap in cultivation. It is a strong grower, very hardy and early to ripen. Fruit of largest size and best flavor.

Gault—A new Black Cap which produces its fruit in enormous clusters, and is a true everbearer, fruiting freely from June until killed by October frosts. Plants set this spring will fruit next fall and give a good crop. Fruit of gigantic size.

Price, 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per hundred.



Two Grand New Raspberries.

Columbian—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red with small seeds. A Cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips. This is really a wonderful berry, and one which should have a place in all gardens, it being so entirely distinct from all others. 15c. each; 3 for 30c; 12 for $1.00.

Great American—This giant berry is the "Eureka" of Luther Burbank. It is the largest berry in cultivation, being a real giant by the side of our common garden varieties like Cuthbert, Gregg, Souhegan, etc. The above cut shows the comparative size. Color bright red, firm, very productive, of a luscious, piquant, acid flavor, so much admired. Twice as large as Shaffer's Colossal, which is one of the largest berries in cultivation. Bushes compact in growth, free from prickles, robust, and of iron-clad hardiness. This is one of the great berry novelties of our time and must become the standard in every garden. Strong bushes, 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.00; 25 for $2.00.

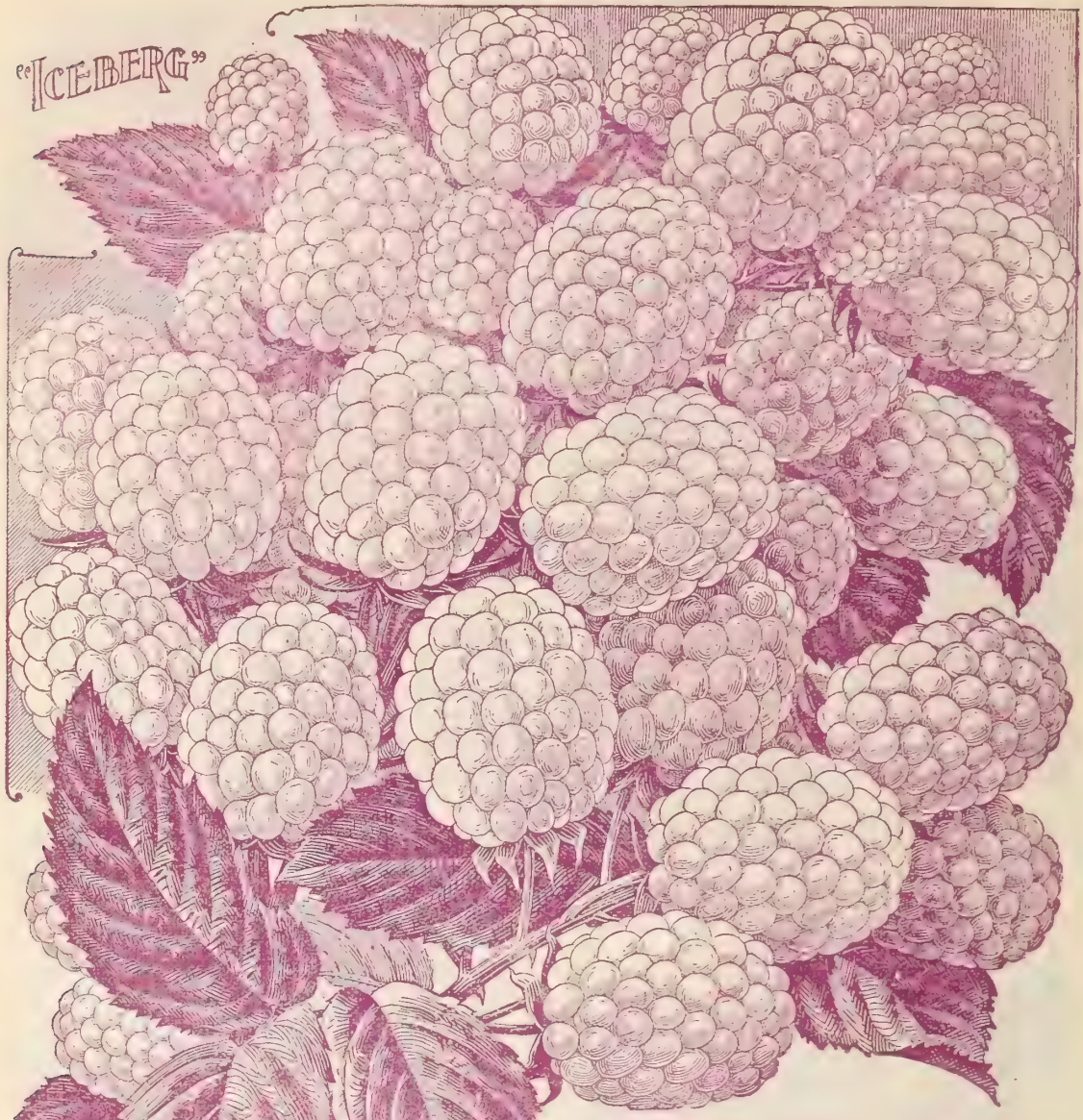
Two Grand Everbearing Raspberries, One Red, One White.

Childs' Allsummer—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frosts The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silvery white underneath. In hardiness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size, and dark red in color; quality extra fine. Mrs. Stowe, of Montana, says: "It has fruited for five years and borne a full crop each year, no matter how hot the weather. Our plot is 45 feet in length by 15 feet in width, besides a single row 115 feet long. From this plot and the row we picked last year fully 11 bushels of berries. For five years the yield has been very uniform. In 1889 the yield during July was 244 boxes; August, 175 boxes; September, 27 boxes, an abundance of green fruit being killed by frost September 25th. In many sections where the season is long enough its October crop is the largest." To see it at its very best it must have a moist soil or plenty of water.

RASPBERRY, CHILDS' ALLSUMMER.

Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber almost pure white color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact we think it the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color contrasting with red or black varieties makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

Price, 15c. each; 1 of each for 25c.; 3 of each for 50c.; or 80c. per dozen.



New White Blackberry, "Iceberg."

This marvelous novelty was produced by Luther Burbank who describes it as follows. "Owing to the somewhat unsatisfactory qualities of White Blackberries so far known, the impression may have been entertained by some, that no White Blackberry *could be* as productive and hardy, with berries as early, abundant, large, handsome and delicious, as the best black ones.

"The well-known Lawton is, when ripened, unsurpassed, and very generally known as the most productive market berry. Owing to its fixity of race, it will reproduce itself from seed almost exactly, and its seedlings will not be influenced, when raised from seed pollenated by other varieties, but it readily imparts its good qualities when employed as the staminate parent. One of the great grandparents of 'Iceberg' was Lawton. The first generation of seedlings when crossed with Crystal White, was all black; the second also, though varying much in other respects; but the third produced this wonderful plant, bearing the snowiest white berries ever seen. It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may be seen in the ripe berries.

"Clusters, larger than those of Lawton, berries, at least as large, earlier, sweeter, and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is when ripe." No garden should be without this grand white blackberry. Strong Plants 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00.

Childs' Everbearing Tree Blackberry.

For a blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months, and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, equaled only by the Erie, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size long season of bearing, and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last year report that the plants fruited last summer, and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants makes them perfect little trees.

PRICE—First quality, large and strong, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50.

Dewberry, Lucretia.

It is a climbing Blackberry, the vine growing very long and may be allowed to trail over the ground or may be trained up to trellises, like Grapes. It is a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter and superior in every way to Blackberries. The fruit is borne in great quantities, and is of a soft pulpy nature, sugary and delicate, and seems to melt in one's mouth like ice cream. The berries are very large, often more than two inches in length, a glossy sparkling black color. It is perfectly hardy, and does not succor from the roots, but is increased from the tips like Black Cap Raspberries. When in bloom in the spring it is very ornamental indeed; the flowers appearing in large quantity amd are of great size and snowy whiteness.

Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Sugarplum.

New Red Blackberry, "Sugarplum."

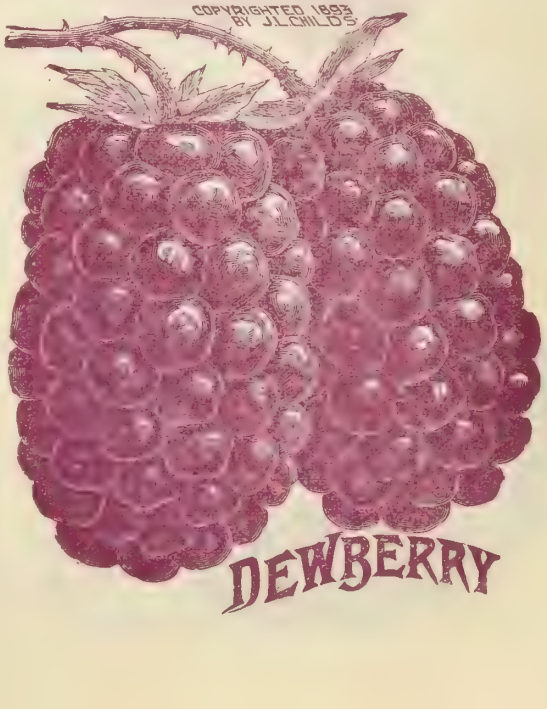
A fine sort which is very odd, beautiful and luscious. Fruit large, borne abundantly, very sweet and honey-like, and when ripe of a lovely violet red color. A great acquisition. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Two Fine Blackberries.

Price—3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.; 100 for $2.50.

Erie—It is in every sense a superb Blackberry, being enormously prolific, hardy, the fruit large in size, perfect in shape, sweet and luscious in quality. Is soft and melting to the taste, being rich and sugary to the very core.

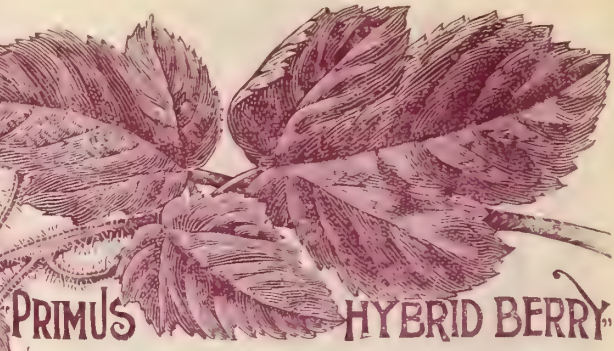
Early Harvest—The earliest Blackberry grown and in every way a grand good sort. Often grows eight feet high and a perfect mass of fruit from top to bottom.



The Logan Berry.

While not as large and meritorious as Primus, this is a very unique and valuable fruit. It is a hybrid between a Blackberry and a red Raspberry. It is large in size and of a deep red color. In flavor it is rich, mingling both the taste of the Raspberry and Blackberry. Hardy, robust, a great bearer; ripening its fruit with the earliest Raspberry. It makes a splendid pot plant and fruits well in winter when grown that way. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

MAYBERRY.



The Wonderful New Hybrid Berries.

Hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry, Creating a New and Entirely Distinct Fruit of Great Value.

These are hybrids between the Raspberry and Blackberry, produced by Luther Burbank, the well-known horticultural expert. We have owned the entire stock of these two great berries for five years, and have thoroughly tested them. Primus was first offered three years ago and has given great satisfaction. Phenomenal was offered last year for the first time. Both are hardy, vigorous, enormously productive, and berries of wonderful size—perfect giants—while in quality they are preeminently fine as to leave nothing to be desired.

Primus—This is one of Mr. Burbank's greatest productions, and he says of it: "This was my first success with Blackberry-Raspberry Hybrids, and it has been fully tested for several seasons. It is one of the most productive berries known, and is larger and more regular in shape than any other berry. Its flavor is unique; nothing like it has before appeared. All pronounce it superior when cooked, and eaten raw it is claimed to be the best berry ever tasted. This berry is really enormous in size of fruit and vigor of growth. Its flavor is like that of a Raspberry and Blackberry combined; fruit long and handsome, of a Mulberry-black color. Its season of fruiting is earlier than either the Raspberry or Blackberry, following close upon the Strawberry, often before Standard Blackberries commence to bloom. Bushes incline to a trailing habit, and are best trained upon wires like Grapevines. It is somewhat of a perpetual bearer, showing more or less fruit all summer. In a greenhouse it is a great thing, for it will fruit splendidly all winter and prove exceedingly profitable. It is as hardy as an Oak in any climate, and a sure cropper every year.

Phenomenal—Of this Mr. Burbank says: "This is larger than the largest berry ever before known. It has a bright crimson Raspberry color, is as productive as could be desired, and the most delicious of all berries for canning and drying. The berries grow in clusters of 5 to 10 or more each, and the individual berries measure 3 inches around one way, by 4 inches the other way, and weigh one-quarter ounce each; even larger ones were weighed and measured last season, and when exhibited provoked the question, 'Will they be sold by the dozen?'" We have found this berry to be all that is claimed for it—phenomenal in every particular. Its beautiful bright color contrasts charmingly with the glossy black of Primus. An expert pronounces this "the greatest wonder of all." It tastes and looks like both the Raspberry and blackberry. We are offering this splendid berry this season at a very low rate. It is one of the most remarkable of all new fruits seen during this generation. A berry of sterling worth in every particular. It is twice as large and in every way superior to the new Logan berry which is being so highly praised.

Price, 25c.; 1 of each for 40c.; 3 of each for $1.00, or $2.00 per dozen.

Golden Japanese Mayberry.

This most remarkable fruit grows in sturdy tree form, six to eight feet high and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberries. The bushes are distinct from other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large, bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms, which hang along the entire length of the branches in pairs or triplets. These large, handsome blossoms are followed by great berries which are of a golden-yellow color, and in quality sweet and luscious beyond description. It is not a wild or native berry of any country, but a Hybrid raised by Luther Burbank, from Japanese species.

PRICE—Strong, two-year-old plants, from open ground, 15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.00; 25 for $2.00.

New Dwarf Juneberry.

The berries are the size of ordinary cherries, being green in an unripe state, changing to bright scarlet, and when fully ripe, to a dark purple blue; and as the three colors hang in clusters upon a bush they present a most charming and appetizing sight. It is exceedingly sweet and has a peculiarly rich and luscious flavor; a most charming fruit to eat from the hand. It is also one of the most showy flowering shrubs, as it blooms very early in the spring, and every branch is a solid wreath of delicate feathery whiteness, so numerous are the flowers. Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c

Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan, and was, we think, first seen in fruit at the summer residence of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun. For two or three years many people have been to see it and to taste it, and it seems that no one ever tires of praising it. It has fruited elegantly in our own grounds now for two summers, and as a rare or fancy fruit it is one which is sure to delight its possessor. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August, and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Grapes.

Everyone who has a bare fence, wall or outbuilding, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few grape vines and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit. Owners of country places, or even of city lots, need never be without an abundant supply of Grapes in season. There is no fruit that yields a more prompt or generous return. Everybody can grow it, and everybody should have it in abundance. The following sorts are the very cream of the hundreds of varieties which are before the public; they are mostly varieties of recent introduction and of improved quality.

Early Ohio—This is the earliest of all Grapes; originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1882, being a chance seedling of the Concord. The third year from seed it set thirty clusters of fruit which were allowed to grow; they ripened August 20th. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August, and always as early as the 20th of that month; fully one week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early. It is fully three times as productive as Moore's Early, better in quality, and never drops from the stem, a fact that shippers will fully appreciate. On account of its earliness the fruit is readily sold in the market at 10 to 15 cents per pound at wholesale. Testimonials received from all parts of the country corroborate the foregoing in every detail. The introduction of this variety makes it possible to grow grapes in any locality where heretofore it has been impossible to ripen them on account of frost. *30c. each; 4 for $1.00.*

Moore's Diamond—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality, having few seeds and a pulp which melts in one's mouth like snow. *20c. each; $2.00 per dozen.*

Moyer—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown, in this respect being superior to the Delaware. It has beautiful red berries, which are very handsome, and the vine is a hardy, robust grower, vigorous and productive. Originated in Canada. *20c. each; $2.00 per dozen.*

Niagara—No Grape has been so largely advertised as this and none so extensively planted during the first few years, and, we may say, none has proved more profitable. It is the leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious there being but very few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord. *15c. each; $1.25 per dozen.*

Golden Pocklington—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous and productive. A magnificent sort. *15c. each; $1.50 per dozen.*

One each of above 5 grand Grapes for 75c.

Crandall Tree Currant.

We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last six years it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of seven to nine feet and branching freely into a fine symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large black fruit nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other Black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages, either in foliage or fruit. It is of iron-clad hardiness and will stand the most severe climate without a particle of injury in any respect.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has taken a great interest in this new Currant, and the Agricultural Report of 1889, contains a fine colored plate of it, and among other things the report says: "It is an enormous bearer, the fruit being large, about one-half inch in diameter. In quality, raw, it is superior to any of the European Black Currants, having no strong odor or unpleasant taste. It is well adapted for sauces, pies, jellies, etc. It is never attacked by currant worms or other insects, and is perfectly hardy." This is a strong endorsement and is as true as gospel. The Crandall Tree Currant should certainly have a position in every garden. Price of strong, healthy plants, 20c. each; 6 for $1.00; 15 for $2.00.

CHILDS' JAPANESE WINEBERRY.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

This magnificent fruit which was introduced by us several years ago, is now acknowledged to be one of the most valuable fruit novelties ever introduced.

Growth and Hardiness—It belongs to the Raspberry family, is a strong vigorous grower, attaining the height of 4 to 6 feet, and is *perfectly hardy* in all positions without protection. It is, in fact, more hardy and vigorous than any Raspberry or Blackberry. It stands alike the cold of northern winters and the heat of southern summers without the slightest degree of injury. Its leaves are of the darkest green outside and silvery white underneath. The young shoots and branches are covered with reddish brown hair or moss which makes the plant odd and handsome.

Fruit—The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr" which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest, light, glossy scarlet or sherry wine-color. The "burrs" and stems are covered with a heavy reddish moss, *like a Moss Rose bud*, giving the plant a most unique and beautiful appearance. The flavor of the fruit is entirely different from any other berry, being very sprightly, sweet and juicy, having no disagreeable sour, but a delicate and luscious flavor peculiar to itself and superior to other berries. It is absolutely free from all insect ravages.

For Canning and Preserving—The Wineberry is greatly *superior to any other fruit*. It is the only fruit which will retain its fresh sprightly flavor after being cooked, and for cooking in any form there is nothing which can compare with it. It also makes the most delicious jelly.

For Syrup and Wine—The Wineberry makes a syrup which, for flowering, is superior to all other fruit juices. As a flavor for soda water it is delicious and novel. It will make more wine from the same bulk than any other fruit, and good judges have pronounced it the most delicious wine.

Time of Ripening and Productiveness—The fruit commences to ripen early in July, and continues in bearing for a long time. It is the most productive berry known, the bushes being literally covered with its large clusters of luscious fruit, which are very easily gathered. Owing to their novelty, superb flavor and great beauty they sell more readily and at far better prices than any other berry.

Price——First-class, vigorous plants for fruiting first year, by mail, postpaid, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for $1.00. Two-year-old plants, 30c. each; 4 for 75c.; 12 for $2.00.

Seed—Fresh seed, per pkt., 10c.; 6 pkts. for 50c.

New Giant Currants.

These two Currants are novelties of great importance. When you consider the enormous size and beauty of the fruit, great productiveness, hardiness and vigor of the bushes, (outyielding other varieties almost two to one), we may be pardoned if we feel a little pride in being the introducer of them. Empire is deep ruby red; Purity, pure white, the two contrasting magnificently when seen together. In size the fruit is often 2¼ inches in circumference and borne in clusters four inches long, while bushes two years from the cuttings yield six to ten quarts each. The fruit being so very large and excellent sells readily at almost double the price realized for other sorts. It seems hardly necessary to say anything more about them. Their great value will be apparent. Another valuable point about these new Currants is their lateness in ripening. They ripen somewhat later than other varieties, therefore escaping the great glut and low prices which Currants bring in the height of the fruiting season. Empire and Purity coming in later, and being so much finer in size and appearance, virtually have the field to themselves.

Empire—New giant red. | **Purity**—New giant white.

30c. each; 1 of each for 50c.; 3 of each for $1.00, or $2.00 per doz.

Childs' Giant Ruby—One of the finest of all Currants. It is of remarkable strong growth, and in the size and quality of the fruit it is really a marvel. The berries are very large, borne in enormous clusters of twenty to thirty, yet leaving room near the wood to make picking easily done without bruising or crushing the berries. In color they are the most beautiful ruby scarlet, sparkling and glossy, and being so large in size they catch every eye, and sell more readily and for much better prices than any other variety. It is now being largely planted where Fay's and other sorts have been pulled out, for it is a greater and surer bearer than any other. In this locality it easily produces three or four times as much fruit as Fay's or Cherry, and the fruit is certainly much finer in every respect. Mr. N. Hallock says: "I have grown the Giant Ruby Currant for four years. Bushes three years set yielded the past season five pounds of fine fruit where Fay's Prolific, in the same lot, has been an entire failure. Of the seven or eight kinds I grow Giant Ruby yields double the quantity of fruit of any of them." 20c. each; 4 for 50c.; 10 for $1.

Peaches.

There is no tree which makes a more rapid growth and comes into bearing sooner after planting than the Peach. Trees small enough to go by mail will bear in three years, and their cost is so little that every home in our land should be abundantly supplied with this most valuable fruit.

The Everbearing Peach.

This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. 1. Its long continued bearing period. The first ripening begins about in July and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half grown—may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. 2. As the tree blossoms during a long period, a complete failure of fruit has never happened since the original tree first began to bear, ten years ago. 3. The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins; oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white, with red veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous, and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Freestone, of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Good size, prolific, best quality and bears continually for three months. What more can be desired? Fine trees for fruiting next year by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for $1.50.

Holderbaum Peach.

This Champion of all Peaches originated in 1880, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, one of the highest and coldest points on the Alleghany Mountains, where the mercury often drops to 28 degrees below zero. The original tree is now 25 feet high and 10 inches in diameter at the base, with foliage surpassing anything ever before seen in the nature of a Peach. The leaves are of a dark, heavy green, measuring from 8 to 10 inches in length. It has one valuable advantage in the peculiar character of its blossoms, which never open out like those of other varieties, but remain closed, with a heavy growth of moss-like fuzz covering the young Peach and protecting it from heavy spring frosts. The size of the matured fruit is immense, many specimens measuring from 12 to 14 inches in circumference. In color it is of a light cream-yellow, with a beautiful red cheek on the sunny side. In texture it is very firm, of fine quality, and a perfect free-stone. The pit is very small and the flesh light yellow, streaked with red from the surface to the center, and of most exquisite flavor. It ripens about August 15, thus making it one of the earliest of all free-stone varieties. For hardiness, vigorous growth and long life it is certainly the Champion of all Peaches. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Three Grandest Plums.

Since the introduction of our Wineberry and Mayberry, nothing has been offered in the way of new fruits which can compare in value and importance to these new Plums—Burbank's greatest production. They are crosses with Japan varieties, and possess the most distinct characteristics: are the most beautiful, most luscious, best bearers and keepers, hardiest and best adapted to all soils and climates.

Delaware or Dwarf-Weeping Plum—A superb and highly ornamental tree of short symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a larger kind. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor like that of the Delaware Grape. It is described by some as possessing the flavor of the Apricot, Grape, Plum and Watermelon combined. Fruit of good size, purple flesh and skin, with white bloom. It is exceedingly productive, and ripens very early. Tree hardy and healthy, bearing when but two feet high. A perfect gem of a fruit and ornamental tree combined, and should be on every lawn and in every garden. It is destined to be the most popular Plum of the future, as it is certainly the most beautiful and luscious.

Shipper—Tree a large, rank grower, and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet. Form and color of Imperial Gage, but handsomer, and the best Plum for shipping yet introduced. Hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper. The most profitable for market, as it is of the best quality, largest size, most prolific and best shipper.

Juicy—This glorious new Plum is a cross between Botan and Robinson. The fruit is the size of the former and three times larger than the latter, and of perfect shape. Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit which can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a sprightly acid, and a high melting plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. When fully ripe it is so juicy that when the skin is broken its delicious pulp flows out like honey. The tree is a hardy, rank, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It blooms so late in spring that frost never injures the crop. In this respect it is valuable beyond estimate. It begins to bear when very small—trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops. When of fair size it is an enormous yielder, and the fruit ripens early. The fruit keeps a long time after ripening, often fifteen to twenty days in hot weather before decaying.

PRICE *of these Three finest Plums, 25c. each; the 3 for 60c.; $2.00 per doz.*

Rare Fancy Peaches.

Excelsior—A wonderfully good new Peach, which originated near Lowell, Mass. The tree is a dwarf of low-spreading, willow-like habit of growth, and the fruit buds are so hardy that it produces a full annual crop when all others fail. Fruit medium to large, rich orange-yellow, splashed with carmine on the sunny side, flesh yellow, juicy, very sweet tender and rich. Pit small and a perfect freestone. The low growth and great beauty of this tree make it a desirable ornament for the lawn or garden.

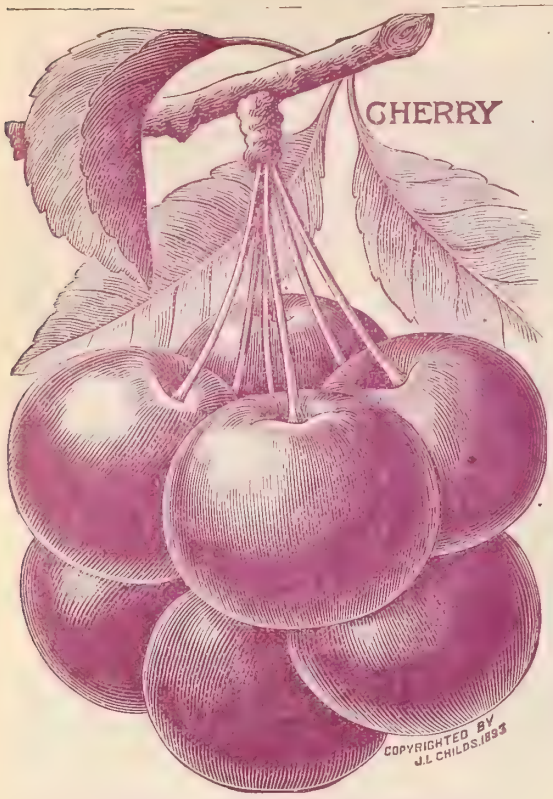
Champion—Fruit very large, often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color a beautiful creamy-white, with a bright red cheek, most strikingly handsome in appearance. Its season of ripening is very early.

The Lemon Peach—A most unique variety, and a tree in bearing looks as though it was full of lemons instead of peaches. Extra fine and entirely distinct fruit, being oblong or lemon-shaped, pointed at the apex. Color, pale lemon when ripe. It is of large size, fine specimens measuring over 13 inches in circumference, medium early.

The Orange Peach—This glorious Peach is a highly valuable and distinct variety, its enormous fruits closely resembling large, luscious oranges, and a tree in bearing reminds one of the orange groves of Florida.

Dwarf Japanese—This is the earliest of all Peaches, maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf-growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted, matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is late, making it free from damage by frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red. The flesh is rich, juicy and most excellent quality, and of blood-red color. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being so sweet as to fill a whole room with the delightful fragrance. The trees are very productive. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook or corner which would not accomodate a larger variety. It is a perfect gem of a fruit.

Price, 20c. each; the 5 for 80c.; or $1.50 per dozen.



The Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

This wonderful fruit was discovered in 1878, in the mountains of Larimer County, Colorado. It is one of the most productive fruits that grow. It is not uncommon to pick 15 to 20 quarts of fruit from a three-year-old bush, and 80 cherries have been counted on a branch 12 inches in length from a two-year-old-bush. The fruit when ripe is jet black and of a size as shown in the cut. In flavor it is much like the sweet cherries; when ripe is conceded superior to any other variety. It is ornamental as well as useful, both in flower and fruit. It bears every year, grows to a height of four feet, and has never been affected by insects or disease. On account of its small growth it can be grown in a little space where there would not be room to plant a larger growing cherry or other tree, and is a superb thing to plant on the lawn or among shrubbery. It is one of the most startling novelties of recent years. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high it may be grown in a pot, if desired, like the Otaheite Orange. Price, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

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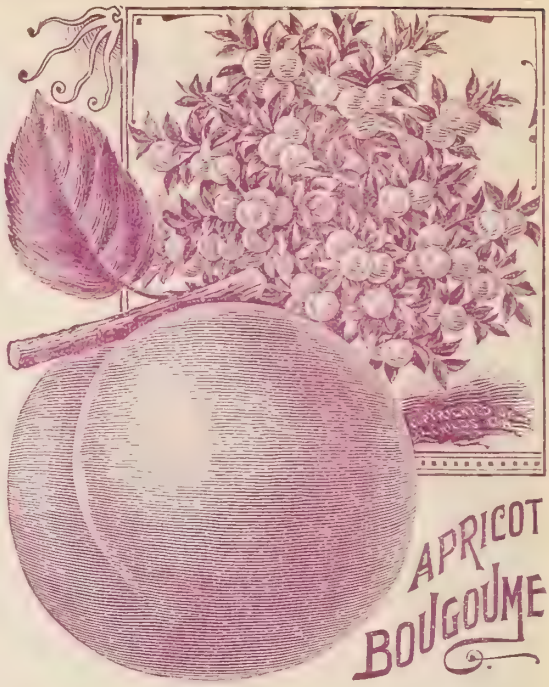
Introduced recently from Japan, and a Chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year after planting, no matter how small the tree may be. They mature their fruit early and it drops at the first touch of frost. Enormously prolific, tree highly ornamental and will prove an attractive and novel thing on anyone's place. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Downing's Everbearing Mulberry.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher once said: "I regard Downing's Everbearing Mulberry as an indispensable addition to every fruit garden, and I would rather have a tree of it than a bed of Strawberries." One cannot wonder at this remark when one sees this splendid fruit growing and tastes its luscious flavor. The tree attains a large size and begins to bear when very small—in fact, when only a few feet in height. The fruit is about one and one-half to two inches long, jet black in color, very juicy and exceedingly sweet and rich in flavor. Like the Russian Mulberry, the fruit begins to ripen in July and continues for two months or longer. As a lawn or street tree this Mulberry is a real beauty and should be grown for this purpose, even if its fruit were not eatable. Its foliage is large, dense and luxuriant, and remains bright and green the whole summer. We consider this one of the finest new fruits. 50c. each; 5 for $2.00.



Apricot Bougoume.

A FINE NOVELTY.

A new sort from Japan, and the finest yet introduced. It is so very dwarf that it requires no more room than a good shrub, yet growing luxuriantly with large, healthy foliage in great abundance, and marvelous crops of delicious fruit. It can even be grown in a large pot or tub, like a Hydrangea or Oleander, and will fruit abundantly. It is perfectly hardy and bears when only two or three feet high. Fruit ripens in early summer, before Peaches or any other good fruit, in fact the earliest of the Apricots. Fruit large and a beautiful golden color, rich, sweet and juicy, of finest flavor and good solid flesh. A most valuable new fruit. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Quince.

Meech's Prolific—This Quince is remarkable for its early bearing, as small trees standing in nursery row will often produce a large crop. They are wonderfully productive and sure to bear every season. The fruit is also remarkable for its rare combination of beauty of form and color, great size and fragrance. Its size is large, and shaped like a handsome Pear; skin smooth and of a bright orange-yellow. Under good culture the fruits average 12 to 15 ounces each. Flesh delightfully fragrant and most delicious in flavor. One or two fruits when fully ripe will fill a large room with its delicious aroma. For cooking it is tender and quite free from hard lumps, so objectionable in most varieties. The tree is really very ornamental as well as useful. In the first place, its flowers are large and showy and its foliage is abundant and luxuriant and holds its attractive green color until late in autumn, and when loaded with fruit it is indeed, a splendid sight, and looks much like an Orange tree in bearing. Price, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Childs—This is a most remarkable new sort, as it is such an improvement over all varieties of Quince. The fruit grows to an enormous size, large than the largest Apples. In shape it is nearly round, resembling an Apple very much, with smooth skin. It is of very mild, pleasant flavor, so much so that when ripe it is delicious to eat raw from the hand as one would eat a good Apple. For cooking it is superb. Its flesh is so tender that it will bake or stew as readily as an Apple, and in less time. The tree is a large, rank, luxuriant grower with heavy foliage and bears enormously, beginning when they stand in the nursery rows and only a few feet in height. Originated by Luther Burbank. Price, 80c. each.

Pear.

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Koonce—The earliest Pear known, and one of the very finest new sorts ever introduced. Size medium to large, exceedingly handsome, yellow, with bright red cheek; spicy, juicy, sweet. It is a most vigorous grower, and free from blight; heavy and productive, bearing immense crops every year, even when trees are only a few feet high. One of the finest of all recent fruit introductions. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of several new Apples of superior quality. They are so valuable that they will become leading favorites, and we advise our customers to plant a few if only to get grafts.

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Two-Faced—We never brought out a more unique novelty than this. It originated in Cayuga County, N. Y., and the original tree has been known for many years, but this is the first time it has ever been propagated and put upon the market. The tree bears an apple which is in size and shape similar to the Tallman Sweet; its peculiarity being that every fruit is evenly divided. One half is sour, like a Greening, and the other half is sweet like the Tallman. This is one of the most peculiar freaks which has ever been observed in vegetation. Its oddity, as well as its fine bearing qualities, and the excellent quality of the fruit, both the sweet and sour portion, will make it immensely popular.

Bismarck—This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following smumer. Fruit very large of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention.

Loraln Sweet—An apple of great size and superb quality. It ripens in early fall and is the most delicious Sweet Apple grown, flesh being exceedingly tender and melting, and of the most luscious flavor reminding one of the sweetness of honey. Should be in every orchard.

Price, 30c. each; $2. per doz.; the 4 for $1.00.

Gooseberries.

This is a berry which in England holds first place, and is more extensively grown than any other small fruit, excepting only the Strawberry. It is not grown in this country to the extent it ought to be, mainly owing we judge to the poor quality of the varieties in general cultivation. We have several fine varieties such as Industry, Keepsake, Lancashire Red, etc. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

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